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AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

DR. ROMAN TO BE EDITOR OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH REVIEW

ABLE DEFENDER OF METHODIST FAITH

Consensus of Opinion of the Wise-Acres of the Church of Allen—Literateur, Christian Statesman and Orator Happenings of General Interest.

(Thompson's **National News Bureau.**)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—At the capital of the nation, where statesmen are made and unmade over night, sentiment is rapidly crystallizing with reference to the editorship of the A. M. E. Church Review, one of the most important places to be filled by the A. M. E. General Conference, which is to open in quadrennial session the first week in May at Kansas City, Mo. The man selected to succeed the learned Prof. H. T. Kealing, the present incumbent, is Dr. C. V. Roman, recognized the country over as a scholar of brilliant parts, an orator of convincing quality, a constructive Christian statesman, a ligician and a debater, a writer of force and polish, and an invincible defender of the doctrines of the Methodist church. At this time, when the race is growing in intellectual power and when savants are busily balancing science and religion in the scales of investigation, the editorship of the general church organ, that has to do with the fundamental principles of the denomination, becomes scarcely of less moment than the offive of bishop itself. It is essential that the sonning tower of Methodistism be occupied by a skilled warrior, capable of testing the metal of the best thinkers of the age, and able to sustain his faith against all opposers.

Such a man is Dr. C. V. Roman, of Nashville, Tenn., a specialist of fame in the arena of medicine, attaining high hank as a scholarly practitioner of the healing art. He belongs to the class of so-called "self-made men," who by their own might have some to be hailed as "the salt of the earth." He was born in Pennsylvania of "underground railroad" stock, ad was reared in Canada, where he had the advantage of liberal education, both by schools and travel. He taught school in Tennessee and Kentucky, and graduated in medicine in 1890. Dr. Roman, always of easy address and pleasing personality, possesses the happy faculty of winning friends and holding them. He has been honored by many State and local medical societies. He is an ex-president of the National Medical Association, and is editor and founder of the journal of that association, which has been pronounced the best piece of periodic literature gotten out by colored people. Like St. Luke, the physician, he has been the friend and companion of ministers. He is a consistent church member of more than twenty-five years' standing, and has long been an ardent worker in the Sunday school. At the recent Ecumenical Conference at Toronto, Canada, he was one of the most conspicuous of the American delegates, and his address at one of the big meetings attracted international attention, being highly praised by all of the Canadian dailies and by correspondents of leading papers of the United States and England.

Prof. Kealing having been elected president of the Western University, he will not be a candidate for re-election as editor of the Review. It is understood that Prof. Kealing's host of friends in the General Conference will rally to Dr. Roman's standard, and that he has already pledges that guarantee his election on the first ballot, if he is not chosen by acclamation, doing away with the formality of a roll call. In his announcement Dr. Roman modestly refrains from all that savors of an aggressive canvass for the place, and leaves the verdict wholly to the judgment of the delegates, who have been selected to pass upon the qualifications of those offering their services. Dr. Roman concludes his well-tempered address as follows:

"Realizing, as I do, the responsibilities of the position, and believing, as I do, that the office should seek the man, it is only a deep sense of racial and religious duty that leads me to yield to many requests and announce myself as willing to become Prof. Kealing's successor as editor of The Review, should the coming General Conference of the A. M. E. Church call me to that responsibility."

In the prime of a vigorous manhood, of ample experience at the editorial desk, skilled in the statement of policies and a master controversialist, possessed of extraordinary business acumen and knowledge of men and things the world over, Dr. Roman measures up to all the requirements of an editor of the mouthpiece of a modern ecclesiastical body, and it is confidently expected that the great A. M. E. Church will be quick to see and seize its golden opportunity by electing him to that exalted office at Kansas City next month.

The News in Brief.

President Taft addressed a monster audience Tuesday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, in the interest of the gymnasium fund of Howard University. He received an ovation at the hands of the appreciative citizens of the District.

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Hon. Isaiah T. Montgomery and Mr. E. P. Booze, leaders of the Negro town of Mound Bayou, Miss., are in the city, the guests of Register J. C. Napier.

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Mr. Leland S. Conness, editor of the Hawaii Herald, published at Hilo, Hawaii, a young man of marked ability, is spending a season here on business of importance to his locality. He speaks in the highest terms of Mr. C. A. Cottrill, of Ohio, who is serving as collector of internal revenue at Honolulu, on the island of Oahu. He says Mr. Cottrill is "making good in every respect, and has won not only friends for himself by his gentlemanly demeanor and cultured speech, but has established relations of perfect confidence between the people of Hawaii and the United States proper." As representative of the best type of the American Negro, Mr. Conness says Mr. Cottrill cannot be improved upon. He is proud to call him "friend."

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Responding to a number of inquiries, your correspondent will state that the compensation of Mr. Whitefield McKinlay, collector of customs at the port of Georgetown, D. C., is $3,000 per annum. He receives a salary of $500 per annum, and fees at 3 per cent. up to a maximum of $3,000, including storage fees, etc. All moneys received in excess of $3,000 are covered into the United States treasury.

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The so-called "charges" against Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, alleging improper solicitation of campaign funds in Georgia, have been investigated by the Attorney General and have been found absolutely groundless. Recorder Johnson stands triumphantly vindicated and is stronger with his people than ever.

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Attorney General Wickersham is "standing pat" in his defense of W. H. Lewis' claim to membership in the American Bar Association, notwithstanding the hostile attitude assumed this week by the Bench and Bar, the official spokesman of the association. According to a view expressed by a prominent white lawyer of the District, "it is not W. H. Lewis, but the American Bar Association, that is on trial in this matter. We shall see in August whether the organization is sufficiently in favor of justice and equity to reach a verdict unbiased by prejudice on account of race or color."

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One thousand members of tre United Order of True Reformers gathered at their hall last Friday evening to hold memorial services for the late Walter R. Griffin, grand worthy master of the national order, who was killed in a railroad wreck a few weeks ago. Mrs. S. F. Lewis, acting chief of the Washington division, presided. Eulogies were delivered by Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, Rev. W. J. Howard, Lewis E. Johnson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Rev. I. N. Ross and others. The late Mr. Griffin was one of the race's most energetic and resourceful fraternal leaders.

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The mass meeting to denounce Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce, called at Plymouth Congregational Church, last Wednesday evening, was attended by less than one hundred persons, out of the 100,000 colored population of the District. Mr. Bruce has been exonerated by Superintendent Davidson and by a majorit yof the Board of Education, and the incident may be regarded as closed.

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Frank Montgomery's talented "Dixie Players" are putting in a two weeks' engagement at the Blue Mouse Theater, and making the West End hosts happy.

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"The Ten Dark Knights" come to the Howard the week of May 14.

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Prof. J. Henry Lewis is preparing for a new operatic production by the celebrated Amphion Glee Club.

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Prof. G. W. Cook, secretary of Howard University, and member of the District Board of Charities, is to be banqueted on the 19th.

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Mr. John A. Pierre, for many years connected with the office of the Register of the Treasury, is dead.

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Major Charles Young, military attache of the United States to Liberia, has gone to New York City, to sail for his post at Monrovia.

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The Smart Set, with S. H. Dudley, Henry Troy, Will H. Vodrey, Arthur Talbott and Daisy Martin, are drawing crowded houses this week at the Howard Theater. The principals were entertained at the regular meeting of the Mu-So-Lit Club. The company remains for another week.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the tragedy queen, is in Kingston, Jamaica, giving a series of dramatic recitals under the management of Prof. T. Ellis Jackson. She took with her five hundred copies of her "Book of Recitations," to fill an order. It is understood that the book will be introduced into the public schools of Jamaica, as an aid to the study of expression and for use in the rhetoricals frequently held by the schools. Miss Davis will visit Haiti before returning to the States.

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Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, for eleven years the dean of the dental department of Howard Medical School, is to resign. His private practice has grown to such proportions that Dr. Wormley finds it necessary to unload some of his burdens. He has brought the dental department of Howard up to a high state of efficiency and given it an equipment second to none in the country, besides turning out as graduates some of the best dental surgeons to be found anywhere. A strong effort is being made to have him reconsider his determination to resign.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, principal of the National Training School for Women and Girls, at Lincoln Heights, D. C., presided last Sunday at the dedication of the new $8,000 Pioneer Hall, erected as an assembly hall and dormitory on the school campus. A large crowd was present, and nearly $1,000 was given toward the indebtedness. Miss Burroughs is doing an effective work for the practical education of young women, and is being supported by the best thinkers of both races. Another building will be started soon, as more room is needed to satisfy the heavy demands from the growing enrollment of students.

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Mr. R. W. Thompson entertained the officers and members of the executive committee of the famous Mu-So-Lit Club last Wednesday evening, at his residence, 1004 S street, Northwest. The evening was very enjoyably spent.

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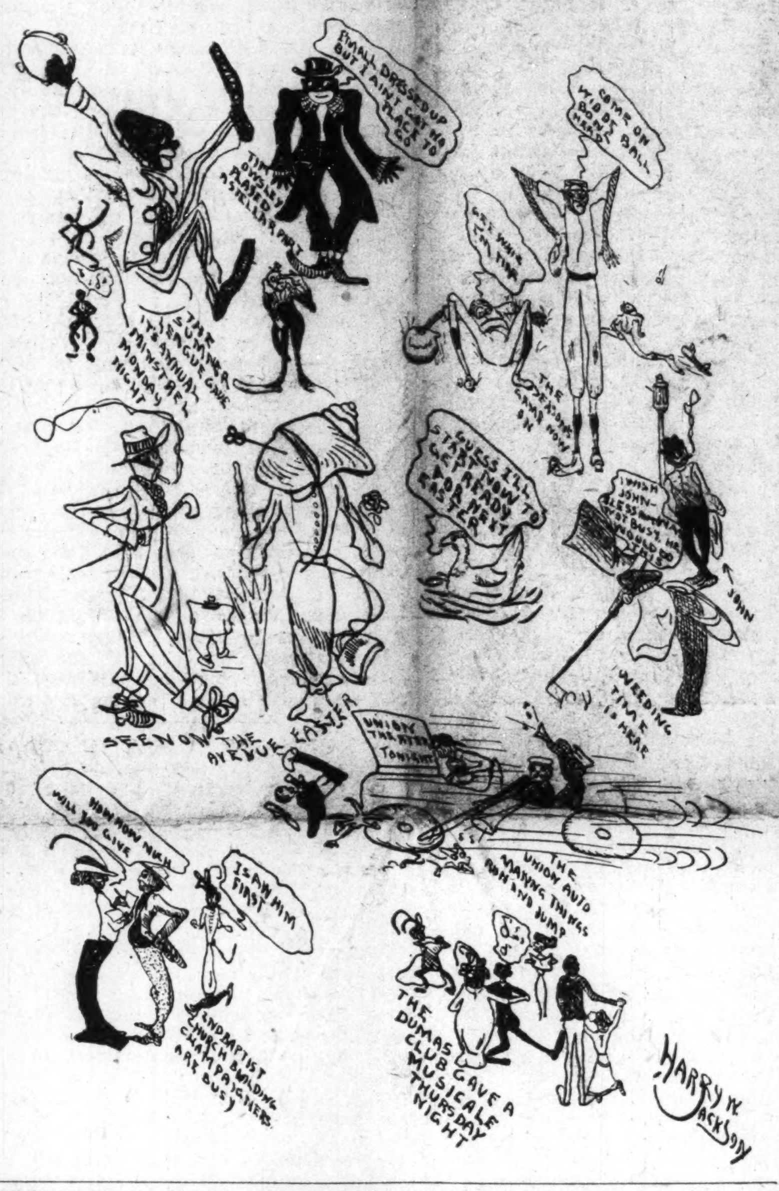
Notwithstanding the effort in some quarters to rob Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis of his richly earned laurels, the fact remains that the lion's share of the credit for the rejection of Judge W. C. Hook for the Supreme Bench belongs to the brilliant young lawyer. It was Mr. Lewis who discovered the rank decision upholding the jim crow practices of the Santa Fe railroad, in which Judge Hook joined. It was Mr. Lewis who drew up the brief reciting the full story of Judge Hook's connection with the case. It was Mr. Lewis who called the incident to the attention of the President and who argued the points of his contention before the Cabinet members, from whom the President sought advice in the matter. Had it not been for the watchfulness and indefatigable warfare waged by Mr. Lewis, it is believed that Judge Hook would now be adorning (?) the seat on the Supreme Bench now honored by Justice Pitney. Let due credit go where credit belongs.

LOCAL PENOGRAPHS.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COME ON WIDDIE BONE BALL HEAD
THE SEASON'S COME ON
GUESS I'LL START NOW TO GET READY FOR NEXT EASTER
I WISH JOHN-BLESS HIM-WASN'T BUSY. HE WOULD DO THIS
JOHN
WEEDING TIME IS HERE
SEEN ON THE AVENUE EASTER
UNION THEATER TONIGHT
THE UNION AUTO MAKING THINGS RUN AND JUMP
I SAW HIM FIRST
2ND BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING CHAMPAIGNERS ARE BUSY
THE DUMAS CLUB GAVE A MUSICALE THURSDAY NIGHT
HARRY W. JACKSON

PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Visitors Coming and Going—News Notes of General Interest.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Hon. M. R. Perry, grand master of the U. B. F., spent a few days in Little Rock last week....There was a clerk-carrier examination here in the civil service room at the Federal building last Saturday. The majority of the applicants were white, although quite a number of them were colored....Miller's theater is running nightly, with splendid vaudeville bills....Miss Ida Jackson, a teacher from Altheimer, spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the city, the guest of Mrs. Susie Fields....Mr. F. C. A. McMurray, one of the city letter carriers, is on his annual vacation....Wilson Bros. are to move their stock of drugs to St. Louis, Mo., where they will engage in business....Did you get your Freeman last week? See Dr. F. P. Lytes, the popular dentist in the Masonic temple, or I. L. Malcom, 320 State street, phone 1726....The Peoples' drug store management is planning some extensive improvements for the summer....Read The Freeman and keep posted....Sunday turned out to be a splendid day after all, and many of our people had an opportunity to show their new costumes. "Jupiter" can write now in the Herald, for he has something to talk about..Lawyer N. S. Shelton is an enthusiastic reader of The Freeman; also Dr. Malcom Frye, at the Peoples' drug store, and Dr. W. O. Taylor, in the Masonic temple....Prof. S. M. Twine is being congratulated on every hand upon his masterly oration at Dr. J. B. Baldwin's funeral.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Madame Anita Patti Brown Sings at Baptist College—News Items.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Madam Anita Patti Brown (the Bronze Tetrazinni) sang before quite an appreciative audience at the Arkansas Baptist College Wednesday night. Madam Brown won many friends during her brief stay in our city....Rev. J. Moore, a blind evangelist from Lincolnton, N. C., is assisting Dr. D. B. Gaines in a revival meeting at Mount Pleasant Baptist church....Miss Carrie Belle Booker is much better after an illness extending over several weeks....The Triangle fraternity Sunday school class of Wesley M. E. church broke all previous records both in attendance and finance Sunday....Appropriate Easter exercises were held at practically all of the city churches Sunday....Ladies of the Allison Presbyterian chucrh held an Easter bazaar at the church Monday night....Mrs. Grover C. Pendleton, from Cairo, Ill., is visiting relatives in the city....Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Craig have returned to their home in Newark, Ohio, after a sojourn of several weeks in the city as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jordan, on Pulaski street....A new lodge of the Colored Woodmen has hecently been organized in Little Rock....The Easter program at the Arkansas Baptist college, Sunday afternoon was very enjoyable, to say the least. The Rose City orchestra furnished several appropriate selections......Hon. J. H. McCormick, of Memphis, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Easter Services at Bethel A. M. E. Church—Salem Baptist Church.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Easter services were largely attended. In the morning, the pastor, Rev G. W. Jones, preached on "I am He." Sunday school was exceptionally well attended, and in the evening there was an Easter program of music and recitations by the children....The Freeman is on sale at 109 North Champaign street, Champaign, Ill., by Z. L. Breedlove. Your patronage is solicited....Salem Baptist church Easter services were held by the pupils of the Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The superintendent, Mrs. Thomas, was director. In the morning, Rev. J. M. Owens preached on "The Appearance of the Risen Lord."....Miss Villa May Jones is expected home this week from Lafayette, Ind...Mr. Robert Earnest and Mr. Horace Taylor spent Easter in Danville....Mr. Oliver Moore, Z. Bibbs and Mr. Neil Person attended the Easter ball given in Danville Monday night....Miss Jackson, of Chicago, is here visiting her cousins, Roscoe and Chester Brewer, 1202 West Main street, Urbana....Mr. Herbert Cameron, of Indianapolis, Ind., has come to Champaign to work in Mr. F. J. Jordan's barber shop....Miss Nanora Ellis and Mr. William Hunt were married last week....Mr. John Smith, of Broadlands was here last week....Mr. Clarence Bass, of Danville, was over from Danville last week....Mr. Ellis and Mr. Roger Johnson were down from Parton Sunday....Mr. Lewis Johnson spent Easter Sunday in Chicago......Mrs. Nettie King is in the hospital....Dr. Dickerson, of Cairo, Ill., was in Champaign, last week. He gave an address at the Masons' Easter services at Decatur, Ill., on Easter Sunday.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Annie Flint, of Coweta, Okla., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Flint....Miss Mary A. Hubbard left Friday for Hennessey to visit her mother and friends....Mr. and Mrs. William Brown left Thursday for Oklahoma City for a long visit....Mrs. Sam Larke is on the sick list this week....The Easter programs were quite entertaining at all the churches....Rev. J. S. A. Johnson carried out quite a program at hte A. M. E. Church Sunday night....Rev. H. C. Caldwell preached Sunday night from the text "It Is Finished"....The Freeman can be had at the Star Barber Shop every Saturday. See Griffin.

THE NEGRO IS AWAKENING

TO THE MANY ECONOMIC QUESTIONS THAT ARE UP FOR SOLUTION

OPPOSE COL. ROOSEVELT'S PET HOBBY

The Initiative, Referendum and Recall of Judges and Decisions a Dangerous Move—President Taft Addresses Howard University Alumni Association.

WASHINGTON.—The often repeated statement, by prominent colored men as well as by prominent white men, that the Negro should evince more interest in and concern for the many economic questions that are up for discussion and solution, instead of sticking so close to the race problem appears to be harkened to, if the hundreds of letters pouring into prominent men of Washington from colored men in every section of the country can be accepted as an interest and concern. These letters bear on the so-called Initiative, Referendum and Recall of Decisions now widely discussed and agitated from coast to coast. It appears that the Negroes of the country, and especially those in the South and close northern states, have suddenly awakened to the fact that in the proposed Initiative and Referendum and Recall of Decisions, as the latter is enunciated by Colonel Roosevelt, contains a "sleeper" that may possibly as completely nuulify the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution as any repeal of them by Congress. President Taft is unalterably opposed to either the recall of judges or the recall of decisions, while Colonel Roosevelt advocates the recall of judges and decisions. Your correspondent has had an opportunity to read many of these letters from Negroes, many of which come from the ablest of our colored lawyers throughout the country, and boiled down, compared, and revised the hundreds of letters received carry the following:

"There is not a single question under discussion today the finality of which does not affect, in some manner, the colored people. A small question bearing harmless aspects may embody large issues—the adoption of which may mean the weal or the woe of the Negro. The referendum is a high sounding word, and because of this fact many people of the Negro race may be deceived into the belief that they are beyond its reach. The Negro sometimes feels that he does not always get the same justice from courts and juries that is meted out to others. But this fact should not argue against the stability of our institutions, which are the product of laws that are permanent and organic. If the Negro does not always get what is due him in the courts when the issue is a denial of his civil rights it is not because of the non-existence of the statute in his favor, but rather because of the existence of a local sentiment which is often substituted for a verdict in his favor. Regardless of these iniquities the law remains fixed in the statutes and his phychological moment may eventually come when he and his rights will be on a par with any other man's rights, and justice will be awarded him. But how different will be the result if the theory of Colonel Roosevelt for the recall of decisions should be adopted. Suppose in any community a question if denial to the Negro of certain rights was proposed under the Colonel's Recall of Decisions, what would happen? A majority of the people being white, and more or less infected with race prejudice, would vote these rights away from him, and all the Negro votes in the country would not be able to stem the tide. Under the Australian ballot system of voting, where secrecy is jealously observed and preserved this could be done by white men regardless of party affiliations, who publicly professes friendship for the Negro.

Or suppose a southern state should pass a law disfranchising the Negro, or any northern state either for that matter. That disfranchising law would immediately get into the courts, and, on appeal, to the Supreme court would be held unconstitutional. Then if the right to recall decisions existed, the decision of the court would be taken before the people and by them reversed and the constitutionality of the law confirmed, and the Negro would be out of politics, and out of every right vouchsafed by the Constitution. There is hardly a state in the South where the entire white vote would not be cast for the disfranchisement of the Negro." To say that the Negroes are much alarmed over the possibility of Col. Roosevelt's Recall of Decisions is putting it mildly.

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President Taft delivered a splendid address before the Howard University Alumni Association meeting on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst. Metropolitan A. M. E. church, where the meeting was held, was packed to the doors, and thousands were unable to gain admission. And this immense church seats nearly three thousand people. The President received a magnificent ovation both when he arose to speak and when he concluded his encouraging message to those present. Prof. Kelly Miller introduced the President in a style and manner that only can be done by Howard' ssholarly dean. On the platform were seated many prominent men of both races. The President in his address gave fresh evidence that he is deeply interested in the success and advancement of the race, and gave assurance that he will do all within his power to conserve and encourage the race's advancement.

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Wednesday evening, April 10, 1912, will ever remain a red-letter day in Washington's social history. It was the evening of this date that the much talked of, and greatly anticipated Monican Club assembly was given. Spacious Auditorium hall, where the swell social affair was given, presented a scene that beggars description. Beautiful women, exquisitely gowned, glided over the waxed floor, and under the brilliant rays of electric lights, with all the grace and stateliness of a court. All of Washington's Four Hundred were out, and Washington possesses some of the most beautiful misses and handsomest colored matrons the sun shines upon. Not until the first rays of early dawn began to intrude upon night did the gay assembly break up. The many fine looking gentlemen, in evening dress, formed a fitting and attractive background for the many beautiful, stunningly gowned women. The Monican Club's after-Easter assembly usually marks the close of Washington's social season.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The children's Easter effercises at the Second Baptist church were a grand success, both afternoon and evening. Recitations and songs were rendered. Rev. Miller, of M. E. Zion church, was present and lectured to the children, which was very much appreciated by all; also Rev. Allison, pastor of the Second Baptist church, made a few worthy remarks in the evening. Miss A. Leak presided at the organ. Three solos were rendered, one by Mr. Ed. Taylor, one by Mr. Wm. Young and one by Mr. J. Carmeal, with Mrs. Porter at the organ. Mr. R. Williams, an old resident member of the Second Baptist church, spoke in the evening, telling why Easter is celebrated....Mrs. B. Coleman went to Jacksonville, Ill., last week to attend the funeral of one of her old time friends..Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright, have returned home from Jackson, Tenn., where they have been attending the funeral of Mrs. Wright's brother....Miss L. Willson, of Cairo, is here visiting friends and relatives......Rev. and Mrs. Henry Allison and Mrs. Laura Leak took dinner Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. A. Wright....Mr. Al. Martin and family, of Cairo, Ill., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bibbs, on account of the high water at Cairo. Also Mr. P. Van Vackstan, of Cairo....Miss McAllister and Miss M. Todd spent Easter Sunday in Cairo, Ill....Mr. J. Calloway is on the sick list....Mrs. Shelby, of Cairo, Ill., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Taylor....Mr. J. Carlin is on the sick list....There are many strangers here now from the southern part of the state on account of the high waters...Mr. and Mrs. B. Hite gave a grand Easter ball on Monday evening....Mr. W. and H. Hite, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hite, have gone to Champaign, Ill., to work in the Illinois Central railroad shops.

KANSAS CITY, KAN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Every colored family should have the FREEMAN in their home. Subscribe today see John W. Rout, 600 State street for terms....Mrs. A. J. Hill, 1057 Freeman avenue, is up again after several weeks' illness....The many friends of Mr. William Baker and family, 127 Greeley ave., extend sympathy to them during the sadness caused by the death of his wife, Mrs. Lillie Baker, who died March 31, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Baker, who died April 4th....Mrs. Nannie Phillips, 827 Freeman avenue, who has been ill for several weeks is slowly recovering....Mr. Thomas Childs, who attends school in Chicago, is visiting his parents here....Jus-V.S., the play composed and given by the students of Sumner High School for the benefit of the Athletic Association of the school, was so well received, that they are thinking of giving it again....Ward Hall, one of the largest buildings at Western University, was destroyed by fire Thursday evening, April 4th. The building was used as a dormitory for the male students. Virgil Faylins, a student from Atchison, Kansas, was injured, but not seriously. The loss was of about $30,000, this is covered partially by insurance....Don't miss next weeks' FREEMAN. See John W. Rout, 600 State street.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

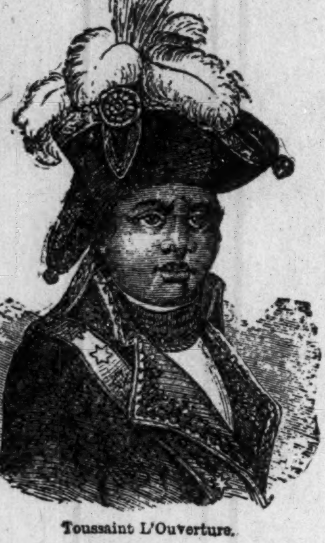
Rev. Mrs. Lena Masen is in town and has been holding services at Allen Chapel....The students of Lincoln High School gave a very interesting and enjoyable Easter program last Thursday afternoon.....Mr. George Adair was found dead in bed at 1:30 a. m., Thursday, April 4th, at his residence, 1732 Allen avenue. He was buried under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias....Mrs. Eliza Russel, 1109 Campbell street, is ill at her home....The Womens' Industrial Club was entertained Monday evening, April 1st, by Mrs. Susie Woodward, at her home, 915 Charlotte street....See John W. Rout for THE FREEMAN, 813 E. 10th street....Rev. Goins, who has been assisting Rev. Odiun Carry on a revival at the St. James Baptist Church in Westport, has returned to his work as a State missionary....Mrs Anna B. Vance, of 1608 Cottage avenue, has returned from an extended visit to Salt Lake City and California....Prof. William Dowley, teacher of history at Lincoln High School, has completely recovered from spinal-meningitis and will soon be back at his work....Don't miss next weeks' FREEMAN, buy it from John W. Rout, 813 E. 10th street.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Skates, of 1857 West Federal street, who has been sick for the past four months, was taken to the hospital this week for an operation....Mrs. Norfolk Garus, who has been ill at Dr. C. A. Pettiford's the past week, is better....Mrs. Geo. Rideout entertained at dinner, Wednesday evening, her niece, Miss Gertrude Rudolph, and Mr. and Mrs. William Honesty, and the latter entertained on Thursday evening with a dinner....Buckeye Lodge of Elks, No. 73, met in regular session, Thursday evening. The meeting was well attended and the different committees reported. A number of new applications were received and the lodge now has eighty members. The following officers were installed: Archie Thomas, treasurer; Clifford Ridley, secretary, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations, March 15, of Dr. C. A. Pettiford and James Fagan. The lodge is in good standing....J. H. Bobson, esteemed lecturer Knight, spent Easter in Dayton....C. P. Lancaster, district deputy of Ohio, was in the city Sunday on special business....A number of the members attended the Elks' promenade in Cleveland Tuesday evening.

The Greatest Man on Earth Was A Negro Slave



Toussaint L'Ouverture.

"First in war, first in peace and first in the heart's of his countrymen," is a well known sentence that the admirer's of our country's greatest President gave him. But Toussaint L'Ouverture was greater than Napoleon as a warrior, the equal of Gladstone in brains, and unsurpassed by any living man in kindness, goodness and generosity to his own race whom he freed from the bonds of slavery. He never saw an army until forty years of age, yet he put to fight the proudest blood of Europe, the Spanish, and sent them home conquered; he fought the greatest country of Europe, the English, and cost that country the lives of fifty-five thousand men and one hundred million dollars; he fought the most formidable country of Europe, the French, (against Napoleon) costing France the lives of forty thousand men and fifty million dollars. The secret of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the worlds greatest Statesman, Soldier and Martyr's success has been revealed by a member of his own family. He claims that it was the Power of Magnetism produced by Toussaint having in his possesion two Loadstones instead of one. More information regarding these wonderful emblems of luck is told in a book entitled:,, The Loadstone, Mother Of Magnetisum" which was originally published to be sold for $1.00. On account of many mistakes of the printer, our readers can secure a copy of this wonderful book ABSOLUTELY FREE WHILE THEY LAST. Totake advantage of this splendid offer address the publishers;

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Washington is the "Mecca" toward which all national leaders—and some others—bend their footsteps nowadays.

Mr. Philip Waters, "our Phil," of Charleston, W. Va., facetiously styled "the boy orator of the Kanawha," came into town last week to attend the M. E. Conference, of which his father and brother are members. He is himself a distinguished layman, and has been a delegate to a number of the conferences of his church. His inspiring address on "The Layman's Duty in Promoting the Spiritual Uplift" was one of the notable features of the recent session. Mr. Waters has held more responsible positions under the State government of West Virginia than any other colored man, and is at present clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State, drawing a handsome salary for his efficient labors. For years he was corporation clerk in the office of the Secretary of State. He is an expert penman, and his "big, round hand" adorns corporation charters all over the country, legalizing the manipulation of millions of dollars.

Other representative men who have been in town this week are A. E. Manning, editor of the Indianapolis World; J. H. Murphy, editor of the Baltimore Afro-American Ledger, and Franklin F. Johnson, of the same paper; Hugh E. Macbeth, of the Baltimore Times, and John S. Durham, of Philadelphia, engaged in sugar operations in Havana, Cuba.

Accompanying Dr. James E. Shepard to the city to attend the dinner given in his honor at True Reformers' Hall was a party of well-known North Carolinians, including Dr. C. H. Shepard; C. C. Spaulding, general manager of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association; C. C. Amey, superintendent of the Durham Textile Mills; Archdeacon W. George Avant, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Dr. J. E. Dellinger, of Greensboro, N. C.

A Federal Anti-Lynching Law Wanted

At the session of the M. E. Conference, last week, Rev. Ernest Lyon, of Baltimore, former minister to Liberia, offered a resolution condemning lynching and asking President Taft to incorporate in his next message to Congress recommendations for a Federal anti-lynching law. The resolution was adopted and Dr. Lyon was appointed chairman of a committee to notify the President of the action taken. The members and friends of the conference called at the White House Friday afternoon, and were received by the President in the East Room of the executive mansion. The meeting was a pleasant one all around.

Assistant Superintendent Bruce Vindicated.

By a vote of 5 to 3 the Board of Education has voted to dismiss the charges filed some time ago against Prof. R. C. Bruce, assistant superintendent of the Washington public schools. It was decided that the allegations were indefinite and inconclusive and were not sustained by the evidence. Prof. Bruce's retention was recommended by Superintendent W. M. Davidson and he was given larger powers in the management of the colored schools. This signal vindication gives pleasure to Mr. Bruce's friends and puts a quietus on the school muddle with which the community has been vexed for many months.

S. H. Dudley Coming in "Dr. Beans."

Easter week, opening Monday, April 8, will find with us the initimable S. H. Dudley and his merry comrades in the new musical comedy, "Dr. Beans From Boston," which is said to fit Dudley's peculiar genius better than anything in which he has yet been seen. Manager Thomas expects another record-breaking week. The company includes Henry Troy, Arthur Talbott, and many of Washington's favorites. Already a number of box parties have been projected by the ultra-fashionables, and with the gladsome Easter, with its bran-new togs in full view, the engagement promises to be a society event of the first water. Mr. Dudley will be entertained on he evening of the 12th by the famous Mu-So-Lit club at Martin's.

The News in Brief.

This is the "big week" in politics. Taft opens strong, gaining steadily.

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"You subscribe to my banquet, and I'll subscribe to yours," is the way the festive Washingtonian greets a friend while passing through U street these fine mornings.

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Bishop G. W. Clinton denies that he has signed any statement announcing his preference for any candidate for President of the United States.

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Judge Robert H. Terrell is conceded to be the best informed jurist on the bench of the Municipal Court. Of the six judges, he is the only colored member.

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W. P. Bayless, until recently connected with the Census Bureau, has started a weekly magazine at Columbus, O., called "The Record." Associated with him is Mr. Finch, of Wilberforce University. Mr. Bayless is one of the race's best writers, and is a young man of indefatigable energy and fertility of resource. His friends here are confident that he will prove a success in his new field.

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Washington newspaper men, noting the formation of a City Press Bureau among the colored journalists of Chicago, are talking of a "get-together luncheon," to be pulled off in the near future. The capital has but one newspaper, The Bee, but it has a host of ex-newspaper owners and a legion of correspondents, who are doing excelelnt work in the publicity line.

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"Don't fret," says a prominent white business man of this city. "There will never be a 'jim crow' street car in Washington, no matter how anxious certain Southern Congressmen and nondescript police officers may be to provide separate service for the races. Common carriers cannot discriminate under the present law, and there will be no change. If there is trouble on the cars, we shall insist that the police settle it by enforcing the law impartially against any and all disturbers. That is the milk in the cocoanut."

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Attorney General Wickersham is being commended by all fair-minded people in the country for his determined stand in favor of the retention of Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis as a member of the American Bar Association. If Mr. Lewis is not sustained at Milwaukee in August, it is evident that the time-honored organization will be split in twain and go into history discredited because of the reason that led to its disruption. A modicum of common sense, however, can spare the association this shameful record. It is to be hoped that the leaders of the nation's bar will be broad enough to meet the situation like true Americans and solve the problem in accordance with justice and equity.

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Champ Clark has been indorsed at meetings held by the Irish, Italians and Jews, but the newspapers have as yet carried no story of any ratification meeting for Clark held by Negroes.

HOW WE STAND.

"In an editorial headed, 'Colored Men Will Oppose Taft,' Mr. Geo. L. Knox, the able and versatile editor of The Indianapolis Freeman, assumes the role of a Talleyrand, and writes in a way to conceal rather than to express his thoughts. What The Demonstrator wants to know is, how does friend Knox stand upon the question? Does he or does he not favor the renomination and the election of President Taft? We want a positive, unequivocal, Anglo-Saxon answer of yes or no."—The Demonstrator, Mound Bayou, Miss.

If The Demonstrator has taken note of the editorial columns of The Freeman within the past few years, it has observed that the policy of the paper has been to get back from a too partisan stand in politics. This attitude is studied and not whimsical, as it sometimes is with those who choose at times to stand aloof from "the party." We have said more than once that the race question has outrun party lines, meaning, of course, that the white people are solidifying in their sentiments. They are learning to agree as to their conduct towards the Negroes, a thing so plain that little children are not deceived. Under the conditions, really, there is no choice for thinking Negroes who would preserve themselves. The very situation dictates the attitude. We must do those things which have preservation in mind, regardless of what party is hurt. The individual advances through parties, and not parties at the expense of the individual. When this latter tendency is on, it is time to do some scouting.

As yet, nationally speaking, the Negroes have the best chance with the Republican party, and simply because we are threatened by the other greater party, the Democratic party, in a national way. We have said that a party that elects members to the national representation for the specific purpose of defeating Negroes of their political and civil rights, is a good one to let alone, at least until it forgets that part of its program. It may be said that the statement is not quite fair. We will make it so: A party, then, that sends men to the national assembly who openly advocate the political emasculation of Negroes or the reduction of their civil liberties is a good party to let alone until it, at least, forgets it.

The Negroes' prospects are somewhat better, nationally, and perhaps municipally, with the Republicans at this time, and for the reason set forth, and to the effect that the Republicans as a party do not openly threaten the Negroes' civil and political existence. But the Republican party and the Democratic party are no better than the members that make them up. As individuals there is but very little difference, if any at all, between the white members of either party. They are in accord as to what conduct is meted out to Negroes, thus making the silence of one party scarcely more hopeful than the open expression of another.

We hope The Demonstrator will excuse the extended "preamble;" it was very necessary, since the unequivocal "yes" or "no" is not forthcoming, as it sees, and for the reasons set forth. We have endeavored to set forth truths concerning the situation. We have spoken of the merits of the various candidates as it appears to us, leaving it to the voters to use their own judgment in the decision. We said that Governor Woodrow Wilson appeared a splendid type of an American, who, seemingly, is too broad to entertain narrow notions on any question that pertains to the public welfare. We also said that Mr. Wilson is not the Democratic party, and thereby hangs a tale.

President Taft is another excellent American. His very mistakes have proven his quality of heart, in that he is whole-souled for the good of his country. In this good for the country Mr. Taft has found it very necessary to be very tactful concerning the Negroes. This, however, he has played in the open. He told the Negroes what to expect. He told them before his first nomination, and most clearly at Lexington, Ky. He was nominated and elected, adhering to his Negro plank even until this very day. The question of the distribution of offices in the South, and also elsewhere, was the major theme of the Negro question with him. In effect he said that Negroes would be appointed to offices where there would result the least friction—a most excellent principle for the country's good, viewing the Negroes in the attitude of a mass as against a white mass,, and in view of the relative and absolute values of those masses, but not at all inspiring to the hopes of Negro politicians and to those others who thought race salvation rested in politics.

Surely, the Taft attitude did not mean especially warm Negro adherents, but sensible Negroes know that the President was honest, and at the same time not different from others who would be President at the same time. That is to say, Mr. Taft's attitude is also dictated by present-day racial conditions. He had the nerve to declare accordingly.

We believe that at the present day the Democratic party is no longer as politically hostile as it has been. This because it has not so much to fear of the Negroes. It has virtually won its fight against the race, succeeding in arraying mass against mass, civilly, politically, holding it as the key to its salvation. This has more in mind the Southern wing of the Democratic party, where the race question has been the paramount issue since the Civil War. The principles are merely dormant, not dead, and may be galvanized into activity at any moment. What the quiescence means, or whether it is permanent, or whether it is for the best, are different questions from the one under discussion.

Plainly enough, it is up to The Demonstrator as to whom it will serve. The "masters" are fully presented, and, as we think, without bias. The summary, briefly stated, is: that the white people of America are nearly agreed as to the disposition of the Negroes as far as they are able to dispose, regardless of party. Nationally, there is some danger to Negroes in voting the Democrats into power. This danger is not the result of undue suspicion, but the result of political creeds, platforms and individual expressions. The Republican party, as such, has at no time, in any locality that we know of, threatened the Negroes' political and civil extinction. We do not see that the Negroes have reasonable grounds for opposing the nomination and election of Mr. Taft.

THE TIPPING SYSTEM.

It is said that the colored waiters of the Crawford House, Boston, were discharged because they asked for tips. The waiters deny the charge. Their statement, in part, is as follows:

"The assertion made public in an article published in yesterday's newspapers, to the effect that the colored waiters were discharged from the Crawford House because of their demands for tips, does the colored waiters a great injustice. No waiter among them, and all of them have been employed there for more than ten years, ever solicited a tip, and tips were only accepted under the usual custom from kindly disposed persons who appreciated the service. The tipping system at the Crawford House in no way varied from that of any other first-class hotel of Boston."

The reply is a revelation in that it shows that all of the waiters have been employed at the Crawford House for at least ten years. This is a very unusual condition. A waiter, the young one, is generally a bird of passage. Ten years of "domestication" for him, one would think, would be an awful task. Doubtless something is wrong where everybody stays for ten years.

But to the tipping business. It is strange that so much fuss is made about it, as though guest were compelled to "come across." The tips are welcome additions, we venture to say, to the waiter's salary, but there is no compulsion in the matter. It may be that the sometimes thing of "railroading," which most waiters know about, enters the problem. In such an event the thing is bad and the proprietors of hotels and restaurants are justified in any means of crushing it out. A steaming hot steak and one as if from a cold storage plant is plain indication of some "underground" work not in the guest's interest. Unless this tendency is noted, we cannot see the harm in giving away one's money, and especially where it will do so much good.

In the old country it is amusing to read of the "line-up" of domestics, man-servant and maid-servant, with the "itching palm," awaiting the final exit of the guest. But the foreign waiter depends on the tips for his salary—many of them—some going so far as to pay for the privilege of being servants, hoping, of course, to make good on the tips.

The European system breeds a disposition that the Americans don't care much about. However, the disposition to give is in the most of us. Even the "tight wads," so called on account of their closeness in money matters, feel to loosen up every now and then.

The harm comes in training up servants to expect tips. Poor salaries is an incentive to the system. Some proprietors rate wages on prospective tipping, which means, in the end, the neglect of some. These find it necessary to register a kick, owing to the cold deal. When waiters can be artists enough to attempt to please without expecting reward, then the situation is ideal. Under such circumstances we cannot see why it should concern the proprietors if the guest gave away a fortune at a clip.

RACIAL FERMENT IN CUBA.

Cuba with its 310 days of June weather, as a native enthusiast puts it, is in a racial ferment, because one R. M. R. Nelson, a New York Negro, promises to bring over from the states 5,000 Negroes in a short space of time, to be followtd by 5,000 more in the near future. Here is the way it is put: "Nelson's scheme is to bring 10,000 well-to-do Negro farmers from lynchland to this Eden land."

But the scheme is not so assuring. The authorities have become alarmed. They either misunderstood the motive of the move or think to see danger in it. The Havana Post of recent date had the following:

The senate bill providing for the introduction of immigration **will probably be amended to prevent the introduction into Cuba of American Negroes.** The precaution will be taken on account of a report that a plan is under way to bring 5,000 Negroes here for colonization purposes. It is the desire of **several** Cuban senators to prevent such a possibility.

An American Negro named Nelson, **who is well known here,** having formerly been a hotel guide, is also said to be interested in the project.

The subject is being discussed throughout the island with more or less feeling. Through it all one gets a focus on the true Cuban situation, racially, politically and otherwise.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION AGAIN.

The Republican editors insisted on injecting the liquor question in their recent meeting, resolving in favor of the county as a unit rather than the township, the prevailing law. There was serious opposition, the resolution, however, winning by a few votes.

The action of the editors will be regarded as an effort to influence the platform of the Republican party. With all of the turmoil along the liquor route that we have had, the agitation is of doubtful good. The township expression is a better example of home rule than the county expression. The Democrats, clearly, have the better view in the matter. The most ultra temperance advocate cannot insist on more than moral influence in the thing of governing the other man's home. The township is nearer the individual's home than the county.

Men think of force when governed from afar, notwithstanding ours is a government of majorities, whether municipal, state or nation. But at that the tendency is to work toward the individual will—the primary law, for instance.

Liquor is on the order of food, clothing—purely personal—and if injected into politics it stands to reason that the individual will insist on the rule that approaches nearest his own voice—the square, if possible; the ward, the township.

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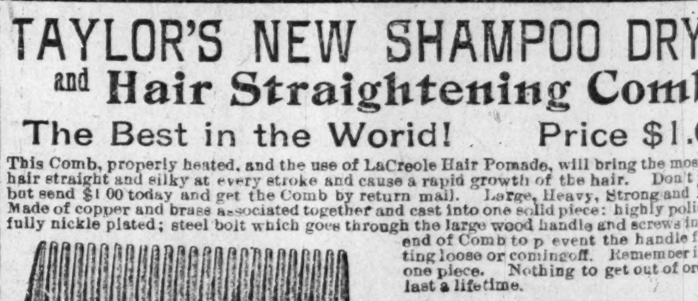

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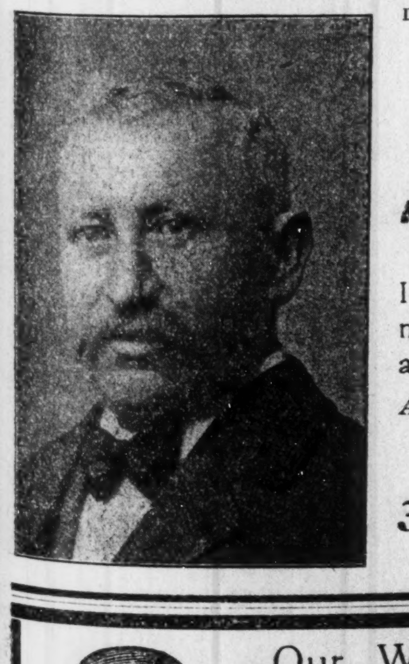

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A colored bishop elected by the M. E. General Conference at Minneapolis in May.

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Negro lawyers show up the fallacy of the initiative, referendum and the recall as solvents of American problems.

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The disturbing elements of the National Negro Press Association put out of business at the Chicago meeting in August.

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Religious training given its rightful place in the scheme of Negro education, along with the mental and industrial policies.

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Bert Williams and Aida Overton Walker featured in the same company, under the celebrated "Williams and Walker" trade mark.

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The American Bar Association rise above the mire of race prejudice and reaffirm the election of W. H. Lewis as a member.

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Cabinet officers take their "cue" from Secretary MacVeagh and Attorney General Wickersham in dealing with the race problem.

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W. L. Houston elected grand secretary of the G. U. O. of O. F., which he did so much to bring to the half-million mark in membership.

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Charles D. Hilles, W. Murray Crane or William B. McKinley as chairman of the Republican national committee in the coming campaign.

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Anita Patti Brown starring in grand opera and Henrietta Vinton Davis at the head of a standard company in Shakespearean roles.

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Counselor Thomas L. Jones, Washington's most eloquent barrister, given an important assignment under the Department of Justice.

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A quietus put on the dirty quarrel between Tom Fortune, editor of the New York Age, and Ben Davis, editor of the Atlanta Independent.

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Dr Arthur M. Brown, Birmingham's **leading surgeon**, elected president of the National Medical Association at Tuskegee Institute next August.

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Representative colored men employed regularly in the literary bureau of the Republican national committee, when the word "Go!" is uttered.

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Dr. George C. Hall "land" the miscreant that he is after, and see to it that the scoundrel is given the limit of the law for defamation of character.

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Colored voters give President Taft credit for the many good things he has done for the race and for the deep interest he has manifested in Negro education.

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Dr. J. S. Jackson named for the bishopric at the Zion General Conference in May and Dr. J. M. Conner put through at the Kansas City convention of the A. M. E.'s.

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Missionary Bishops J. Albert Johnson and W. H. Heard retained in the African field for the full period of twelve years, as ordained by the Norfolk Conference of 1908.

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A racial vote of thanks to the energetic Charles J. Pickett, who has secured a branch Taft renomination bureau at Washington, through his appeal to the generosity of Chairman W. B. McKinley.

A NOTABLE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

No educational institution in the country, white or colored, is doing a more efficient or more useful work in education than Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, under the direction of Dr. Booker T. Washington. At the present moment the trustees of Tuskegee Institute are making great efforts to increase the endowment fund of that institution to a point that will relieve its distinguished head and his associates from the necessity of exhausting themselves in the work of raising money, so that their chief energies may be expended in the actual work of education. On its educational side Tuskegee was never more successful than it is to-day. It has grown from the most modest beginnings until it has a campus and a group of buildings which for architectural beauty and for efficiency of design would be a credit to any college in the land. Nearly two thousand students, young men and young women, are being trained, not only intellectually, but practically, to be working citizens and to carry on the steady uplifting of their race, which the South, more than any other section of the country, now recognizes is the only possible solution of the Negro problem. Dr. Washington, who is one of the great American educators of the time, is the inspiring personality that has created Tuskegee, but after Dr. Washington has passed with the rest of us out of the sphere of human activities the Negro people of the United States will remain, and Tuskegee must be enabled, as it undoubtedly will be enabled, to carry on the work which he inaugurated and is to-day directing with real genius. Not only are the trade schools of Tuskegee models of their kind, where wagon-making, carpentry, blacksmithing, dairy farming, dressmaking, millinery, brickmaking, cooking and housekeeping, bookkeeping, and practical agriculture are so successfully taught that most of the graduates have become prosperous and property owning citizens, but theoretical education is made vital, because applied to human experience in a very striking fashion. A recent visitor to Tuskegee describes how he found the students of arithmetic working out on the blackboard arithmetical problems in linear measure and percentage by showing how much plaster it would require and what the cost would be to plaster one of the recitation rooms of the institution; how the class in geometry was demonstrating by Euclid the scientific method of attaching the shafts of a cart to the cross-bar so that the cart would pull straight; how the class in grammar had gone out into the truck garden and had brought back into the recitation room ears of corn and cabbages and was writing grammatical sentences about them on the blackboard; how the student of chemistry in the laboratory was analyzing the clay from which all the bricks are made that are used in the Tuskegee buildings; how the pupils in geography had in their room some of the products of Japan and some of the products of Alabama and were being taught why these products were exchanged and what route they would travel in the exchange between Alabama and Japan; and he wished that grammar, geography, arithmetic and geometry might have been taught to him in this human and absorbingly interesting fashion. Tuskegee is not only a very important factor in the solution of the so-called Negro problem, but it is a practical experimental laboratory in education, out of which the whole educational movement in this country is getting suggestions and help. Leading and influential Southerners recognize Dr. Washington as one of the foremost citizens and educators in the South, and are giving him hearty support. What Northern business men think of the work of Tuskegee is indicated by the fact that Mr. Julius Rosenwahl, the head of the great firm of Messrs. Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, has recently become a member of the board of trustees, of which the president is Mr. Seth Low, former president of Columbia University in the city of New York. We hope the contributions to the Tuskegee endowment fund from Northern benefactors will be generous.—Editorial in The Outlook, New York City, March 30, 1912.

CANNONSBURG, PA.

Mrs. Anna Betts died at her home on East College street, at 12:10 Friday night, March 29. Mrs. Betts had heart trouble. She was complaining for two months. She is survived by three daughters, two sons and ten grandchildren. Mrs. Betts was born in 1863. She belonged to Queen Anne Court No. 10 and the Good Samaritans, also other lodges. She was a past officer in all of these orders. She was buried on Monday, April 1, at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. C. Wilson conducted the services, assisted by Rev. McGee and Rev. Paley.

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O you Spring!

One feels that it is worth while living in these days.

Nor can all be farmers, but some of us can, and should be.

Taft is getting all the delegates. The other candidates belong to the "also ran" class.

Old Kentucky put 'em over Taft this week. They know a good thing beyond—well, we won't get personal.

The white folks down in Louisiana paused long enough to do a bit of lynching during the delegate getting days.

Only a few white men get away when monkeying "wid de" banks and no Negroes at all. Better cut it out. Vide—"Rev." Frederick A. Mullen.

Some little comfort due Mr. Roosevelt from last Tuesday's balloting in Illinois. Just how much will be known when that state begins to select delegates.

A well-known colored man of this city threatens to come out for justice of the peace. He will know if it is worth while to throw his hat in the ring within the next few days.

The annual Easter Monday egg rolling at the white house. White children and black children were in the mixup. President Taft greeted the all-nations fete. Mrs. Taft looked on and smiled most approvingly.

Leaders of races do not become so because of their educational views. Education is a civic phase, not the whole thing. Education according to the needs, prospects and possibilities. these are their own interpreter.

Miss Bessie Garner, a Negro girl of the Hilburn (N. Y.) High School, made a four years' course in three, and in graduating was chosen valedictorian and won $100 scholarship at Simmons college. Bessie was going some.

Edison says: "I do not know how I could teach grammar with moving pictures, but I can teach, reading, writing, spelling, geography, arithmetic and physiology." That's a plenty, Mr. Edison. We ain't "partikler" about no grammar anyhow.—The Voices of the Kids.

Chas. A. Ritchey, of Chicago, who was shot by his wife because he refused to vote for woman suffrage, evidently didn't know how serious his wife was. If she asks him again he will not have his former scruples concerning the matter. She said she was going to teach him, and she did.

A young Negro charged with writing a letter to a young white woman was lynched at Shreveport, La., las Monday. He had been dismissed by the court for lack of proof. A mob formed and instantly proceeded to recall the decision. Well, the young man was hung. It beats raping anyhow, the old charge. It is being proved that Negroes are being lynched out of a pure spirit of cussedness, and not because of the "beastly" nature so freely advertised in the past. This is admitting the worse construction—guilt. But the court did not say so. White folks, you want to get right.

A colored brother, styling himself an evangelist, got into the toils last Tuesday, owing to his smooth work with bank checks. Freerick A. Mullen from all accounts has been trying to live off of his wits for quite a time, with more or less success. He has done "duty" amid his career, perforce of circumstances. His several incarcerations, however, in nowise daunted his desire to be a "fly one" of the genus, light fingered. He pursued his bent just as soon as it was possible to do so. Perhaps he picked up some helpful information while basking with the "boys." At any rate, after doing a neat touch at Louisville, Ky., he made his getaway to—is it necessary to say where? They all come here. It's the direct route of promotion to Chicago. He was picked up in little or no time" for being an ostrich. It is thought that a permanent cure will be effected at this time.

The race should not be developing or taking on race traits that are greatly different to those of other races. We complain very often about the ill treatment received by us as a race when we are doing very much to draw attention to ourselves in a way that is not very complimentary. We are generally unconscious of these little "sins." When we are conscious we plead personal liberty, and which is not denied. But we are judged by the liberty, just the same, and held responsible. Really, we need much teaching along this line, since conduct, visible conduct, is held the best evidence of what a people is. Here is a risk of hypocrisy, one will say. Call it that if you will, but the world of gentility and civility proceeds along the line. If we will be saved in the matter similar tactics will have to be employed. Be like the other folks as much as possible and thus avoid a label for peculiar habits and customs.

From recent quotations from Mr. Lincoln's speeches it will appear that he was particularly sound on the larger principles of government. In fact he anticipated what we are having today —restlessness and inclination toward lawlessness—which, if not checked, will spell disaster in a very little while. Lincoln's political precocity would have it appear that he was a seer or prophet, or one of visions, and in the interest of the preservation of the Union.

When, in 1857, he said "We believe * * * in obedience to and respect for the judicial department of the government. We think its decisions on constitutional questions, when fully settled, should control not only the particular cases decided, but the general policy of the country, subject to be disturbed only by amendment to the constitution as provided in that instrument itself. More than this would be revolution," it could have been as fittingly said yesterday, so applicable it is for these times. And yet Mr. Roosevelt tries to declare Mr. Lincoln his political patron.

There is a decided tendency on the part of the colored members of the M. E. Church to have bishops to preside over their churches. The question has been agitated in the recent general conferences, being more and more favorably considered. The approaching general conference at Columbus, O., will see the question opened with renewed vigor if the present program carries. Excellent reasons are urged for the change, chief of which is the changing racial relations.

Rev. Joshua Stansfield, of Indianapolis, is standing for bishop in the M. E. Church. The doctor is of excellent reputation in this community. We think of him as broad minded and a representative Christian, standing for all of the things which tend to promote peace on earth and for the recruiting of the heavenly hosts. He has come at the beck and call of the needy—spiritually, financially, doing whatever he found it possible to do in answer to the demands made on him. The colored people, the colored Y. M. C. A., appreciated his cheerfully tendered help in the past and wish him success.

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Society and Church Happenings—News in General.

(By Anna E. Lennox.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Misses Maud and Lulu Snorton, sisters, are seriously ill with tuberculosis at the home of their mother, Mrs. Snorton, on Oak street....There was a little stranger made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Powell, 1104 South Gov. street, last Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock, and it was a little girl. The mother and daughter are getting along nicely....Mr. Jesse Pendleton died of dropsy last Wednesday morning, April 3, and was buried in the afternoon, being in such bad condition that it was impossible to keep him any longer....There was an exhibition in the domestic art room of the Clark high school of the sewing and millinery done by the girls, Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 4. The citizens were requested to call and inspect the work.... Mr. Lahr, wife of the dry goods magnate of this city, will lecture at the colored Y. M. C. A. tomorrow, April 14. The public is cordially invited......The Easter services were simply excellent at all of the churches last Sunday, and were largely attended, and the sweet singing of the birds and the precense of flowers certainly seemed cheerful and springlike...... There was quite a delightful instrumental recital at the residence of Mrs. Thomas McFarland, on Mulberry street, Saturday afternoon, which was highly appreciated by many....Mrs. Belle Donahue is greatly improved and able to be out again.... Mrs. Rebecca Dupee, mother of our popular physician, Dr. S. S. Dupee, was able to sit out on her front porch this week, and received many a glad hand shake from her devoted friends, who rejoiced to see her mending, but on account of her severe stroke she is unable to walk without help....Don't forget the grand old folks' concert, given by Mrs. Mary Nicholas, at the Bell Street church, Monday, April 15....There were quite a number present a the sacrimental services last Sunday afternoon at Liberty Baptist church....Miss Tillie Austin is on the sick list....There were quite a number of friends attended the wedding of Miss Pearl Mundy and Mr. Westerfield last Sunday and lots of nice presents were received....Call on Mrs. Anna E. Lenox, 1106 South Governor street, for The Freeman....The bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Taylor, of Lebanon, Ill., were entertained Saturday afternoon by the Dodson orchestra at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFarland, on Mulberry street, as they were traveling on their honeymoon, en route to Kentucky....Mr. Ollie Grey, of Henderson, Ky., brother of Mrs. Willie Farland, spent Easter Sunday in the city as the guest of his sister. On returning home, he was accompanied by his neice, Miss Ella McFarland....Mr. Harvey Smith, of Detroit, Mich., spent Saturday and Sunday in the city as the guest of the Misses Mary and Ella McFarland, and was served with a swell lunch before leaving....Mrs. Anna Jackson died at her home, 1228 Mulberry street, Monday an dwas buried Wednesday....Mr. Cornell, of Bland avenue, is seriously ill.

SAM McVEY DEFEATED.

Goes Down Before the Boston Tar Baby—An Up and Up Fight Until the Last Few Rounds.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 8.—Sam Langford, the American heavyweight, today defeated Sam McVey, of California, in a twenty-round fight on points.

Langford and McVey fought in the Stadium before 15,000 spectators, and after a hard contest, in which honors were fairly even until the last few rounds, Langford succeeded in reversing his defeat at McVey's hands on December 26 last.

McVey Is Favorite.

The betting was 10 to 9 on McVey. The fight opened at a fast pace. In the second round Langford landed three heavy rights on the body in a clinch, at which McVey protested, and the police interfered, barring kidney punches in the clinches. Langford had somewhat the better of the first few rounds, and the betting veered to 5 to 4 in his favor. Both men put up a savage fight, and the referee was constantly engaged in separating them.

By clever sparring McVey managed to keep his stronger adversary off until after the seventeenth round, when the furious pace began to tell on both. Langford was in the better condition at the end, but was unable to land a knockout.

The spectators cheered the referee's decision, and were obviously delighted at what they considered a hard and fairly fought battle.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

Important Questions Discussed by Outlook Committee—"Something Doing" at the Churches Easter Sunday—Loyalty Charity Club Doing Good Work.

By Lee L. Brown,
1006 West Chestnut Street.

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

Vital questions of great importance to the Negro race were discussed by a few members of the outlook committee, on last Friday evening, in the parlors of the Colored Y. M. C. A. Among the many topics taken up we might mention the following: Playgrounds for our boys and girls, the elimination of the houses of ill fame that cater to our boys and girls, the cheap dance halls and chili parlors that sell intoxicants; better houses, cleaner streets, the enforcement of the sanitary laws and many others that are equally as important. This committee is making a strenuous effort to carry on a campaign against the many evils that have a tendency to pull down and degrade our race. Every man and woman in the city of Louisville should co-operate with this committee in doing the good work that it has planned to do. Every organization should send a representative at the next meeting.

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Easter Sunday though a little cool was an ideal day,, a large number of our Country Cousins, Hoosier neighbors and friends from the Buckeye State paid us a call. Young Afro Americans were seen in great numbers with their new dresses and suits. The Sunday Schools were crowded, as there were special exercises. In all of the Baptist Churches it was Foreign Mission Day, and a large collection was turned over to the Rev. L. G. Jordon, in response to an appeal sent out for in far away Africa. At Cavalry Baptist Church nearly 50 candidates were baptized. In many of the other churches special sermons on the subject of the Resurrection and its enternal significance were preached. Special musical programmes were held by a number of the choirs. The chief exercises of the day were held at the New Quinn Chapel Church of which the Rev. J. C. Anderson is Pastor. The church has been recently decorated. The pulpit was filled with beautiful flowers. Bishop Shaffer, of Chicago, was the chief speaker. He delivered a very strong sermon at the morning services. In the afternoon he was met at the door by the Pastor and Officers of the church. Prof. J. E. Simpson, in a very appropriate speech turned over to him the keys of the church after which, led by the Bishop and Pastor, all marched towards the pulpit. After fitting dedicatory exercises conducted by the Bishop, the services were turned over to the Palestine Commandery, K. T. No. 1 and the Calvary Commandery K. T. No. 4 of the Masonic lodges. The services conducted by the Prelate were very impressive and brought complete silence over the church. The exercises were mingled with appropriate sacred songs, after which the Rev. J. C. Anderson delivered the annual sermon which was filled with deep thought that went home to the hearts of the Masons, Sisters of the Eastern Star and every person present. The congregation is to be congratulated for their earnest work in raising such a large amount of money on this day. The exact amount raised Sunday was $2,004.00. We understand that there is more to be added to this amount.

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We wish to commend the good work being done by the members of the Loyalty Charity Club, which was organized over seven years ago. Recently they established at the Bishop Dudley Memorial and Parish Hounse, Eleventh and Walnut streets, a Neighborhood House and Day Nursery. Children are fed good and wholesome food and sared for by a matron from 7 a. m. till 6 p. m., for 5 cents per day. They are given breakfast, lunch and dinner, taught how to play, how to eat and how to rest. This building is a very excellent one indeed for the kind of work being cared on, has every modern convenience. Dear Friends this work needs your endorsement and co-operation, when in the neighborhood go in and visit the little ones. Mrs. Nora K. Bell, is president and Mrs. Sara E. Gray, secretary.

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The Masons in their parade to Quinn Chapel Church last Sunday were headed by the Fanning brass band. The streets were crowded all along the line of march to get a glimpse of the stalwart men as they marched shoulder to shoulder through the principal streets.

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The Louisville Musical Club, recently organized, will give their Initial Dance and Vaudeville at Odd Fellows Hall, Thursday, April 18th. The Chimson Star Club gave their Annual Easter Dance Monday night at the same hall.

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Mr. Mason who resides at 4th and Hill, continues to be very ill. His many friends are in hopes that he will soon regain his health.

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The Carlisle Grocery Company, recently organized, held a very important meeting last week and a large amount of stock was sold. The Company will hold another meeting April 22d, at which time it is desired that the balance of the stock will be disposed of. The outlook for this Company is very bright indeed. It has for its leaders some of the most prominent men who are using every effort to make it one of the largest concerns in the city. Every thing will be up to date, new fixtures, fresh groceries and indeed a grocery that every citizen may point to with pride.

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One of the neatest little stores in the city is the Lily Millinery Shop, recently opened on Tenth, near Chestnut street. Just before Easter there was a rush for the very beautiful hats that Mrs. Simmons had on sale. She was forced to turn many orders away on account of the lack of time to get them out. Mrs. Simmons is assisted by Mrs. William Warley.

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The Dunbar Club will hold their regular meeting next Sunday afternoon.

We are having ideal weather in Louisville.

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The baseball season has opened. Next Sunday the Louisville Cubs, under the management of Geo. Baker, will open the season with the White Sox, of Indianapolis.

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Miss Lillian Crutchfield, a former teacher in the Central Colored High School, now a teacher in the Covington, Ky., High School, was in the city Easter Sunday, sojourning among friends.

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Master Alex. Flournoy, of West St. Catherine street, a student of the Central Colored High School, died last Saturday evening with the dreaded meningitis. He was buried Sunday morning by the Watson undertaking establishment.

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The teachers and students of the public schools are enjoying a much-needed vacation. Schools will not open until April 15. Many of the teachers have gone to Indianapolis to visit the various schools. During the interval the school buildings are being thoroughly fumigated on account of the number of cases of meningitis in the city.

New that the Bill appropriating money towards the holding of a Semi-Centennial Exposition in some Southern State has passed the Senate, feeling assured that it will in due time bear the President's signature, we wish to be among the first to offer Louisville as a place for the holding of this great Exposition. Louisville, Kentucky's metropolis, has long enjoyed the reputation of being a hospitable entertainer. So much so that no gathering has ever met or sojourned here, without a true desire to rtturn here again. Whether they be merchants, lawyers, physicians, fraternal men, ministers or those who win their bread by the sweat of their brows.

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Mr. Frank W. Harper, who plays the part of Chapman Smithford in his father's drama, "Tallaboo," is home from Washington, D. C., where he took part in staging the play at the Howard Theater the weeks of March 4 and 25. He is highly elated at the reception given the play by the best cultured minds of the capital city. He says the management of the play has always had two acceptable casts of characters, who are divided Northwest and Southeast, with general headquarters here in Louisville. Several of the best colored dramatic readers and players in the country are connected with both divisions, and the forward career of "Tallaboo" has just begun. The play will be produced in Frankfort at an early date at the Capital Theater.

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The Ruby Theater, that was recently damaged by fire, is undergoing many improvements. An incline floor has been installed, new electric light fixtures, up-to-date dressing rooms, box seats and every modern convenience. The lobby and main auditorium are being decorated by Chas. Bridges. When completed it is said that this will be one of the prettiest houses in the South. Mr. Robert B. Joplin, well known to the theatrical profession, is the manager. Already it has been arranged to book some of the best known acts in vaudeville. The theater will throw open its doors to the public about April 22. Mr. Joplin assured us last week that only first-class acts will be booked and that the management will do everything possible for the comfort of its patrons.

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To-day (Wednesday) the morning trains are bringing to Louisville a large number of delegates from all over the State of Kentucky, to attend the State convention, which will elect delegates to the national Republican convention which will convene in Chicago. A "hot time in the old town" is promised. There seems to be a bitter contest between the Taft and Roosevelt representatives on account of the primary held in this city and in other parts of the State last Saturday. We will watch with interest the final results, hoping that the best man will win the coveted honor. A number of prominent colored men are candidates for delegate at large. Among those that we know are the Rev. W. H. McRidley, Cadiz, Ky.; Dr. W. T. Merchant, Louisville; Hon. W. D. Johnson, Georgetown; Rev. J. E. Wood, Danville. We shall be on hand to-day at the sessions to witness what promises to be one of the most exciting conventions ever held in the State.

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Among the many letters that we have received during the past week from persons in other states, we found one from Dr. Mrs. C. F. Sneed, former teacher of ours. They expressed their appreciation of reading the little news items that have appeared each week under our name in this paper. We thank them for their long letter and words of encouragement. Strange to say that once a Kentuckian always a Kentuckian, is the slogan that is on the lips of every loyal Kentuckion, it matters not how far he may roam from the dear old State. The word Kentucky when mentioned by a stranger in other States is a symbol for hearty hand shake, a welcome into a happy home, a slap on the shoulder. It matters not how many feuds we may have here in the mountains, or how we may disagree among ourselves, we always know how to behave when we go into strange land. Dnd you ever think of and realize the fact, that Kentuckians are the cleaverest people in the world? Other States and other sections use to vie with Kentucky for this distinction, but all in vain. The last competitor has long since fled the field, and go where you will throughout the Union or the wide world over, and "Kentucky hospitality" is on every lip. Kentucky radiant in her graces, a gem, a jewel, a very diamond in the coronet of states, peerless in the beauty of her queenly daughters and the chivalry and intellectuality of her noble sons. As test of how many Kentuckians in other states really read the Freeman each week and to find out into how many states our loyal sons and daughters are located, we ask for every Kentuckian who has a moment to spare who lives in another state to send us your name, address and occupation within the next 12 days. We will mention in this column the total number of cards or letters received and the number of states represented. Get busy. Address your cards to Lee L. Brown, 1006 West Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

BY WM. GODFREY MILLER.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

Mr. J. C. Caston, a government meat inspector, has been transferred from New Orleans to this city....In last Tuesday's election Mr. H. F. D. Murphy and Attorney Lillie were elected assistant supervisors. Mr. A. D. Woods was defeated for alderman....Ex-President Roosevelt spoke to a large and enthusaistic audience last week.....Mrs. Blanche Adams, of St. Louis, was in the city visiting her parents....Mrs. Hattie Anderson, of Bowman avenue, is sick....Smith Adams, aged seventy years, died suddenly last Sunday morning....Mrs. Mabel Dodson, of Miland, Tenn., has returned home, after a pleasant stay with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McKenzie....The East St. Louis Social Club met at the club room last Thursday evening....The Elite Club gave its dance at Judson's Hall, Easter Monday evening, and it was well attended.... What is the matter with the baseball club this season?....The Casino is attracting large crowds this week....Mrs. Lillian Eckles Reed and Miss Helen Reed, of Paris, Ill., will visit Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Eckles next week....Mrs. Daisy Hood and son Orestes have returned from Lebanon, Ill....Little Miss Christine Parks visited relatives in Collinsville last Sunday....The St. Luke A. M. E. Church is giving a series of entertainments. The St. Paul and Macedonia are making great preparations for their bazaar....Mr. Jno. Meadows, of Chicago, stopped over for a few days with Mr. W. L. McKenzie, en route to Tampa, Fla....The Rev. J. M. Thomas, of Greenville, Ill., reports a joyous Easter celebration at the Second Baptist Church, of which he is pastor..... Rev. Parker baptized about sixty persons in the Mississippi river last Sunday.... We will be greatly pleased to have all the old subscribers renew their subscriptions or send items of personal interest. Drop a card to Miller's, 713 East Broadway, and he will do the rest....Misses Pearl White and Elizabeth Shipley, teachers of Central High School, and Misses Lillian Parks and Georgia Nugent, of the Eastern School, Louisville, Ky., were in this city and St. Louis, Mo., inspecting the schools. ....Miss Bessie Williams, of Edwardsville, and Miss Ava Singleton, of Collinsville, were in the city Thursday....Mr. McKenzie has taken charge of the W. & W. lunch counter....Mrs. Earle Williams and Mr. Julian Arthur, of Brooklyn, Ill., were in the city....Messrs. St. Clair and Alex. Smith, of Bellville, were in the city Friday evening, attending the K. of P. Lodge....The funeral of Mrs. Harriet Gates, an aged and respected citizen, took place Wednesday from the St. Luke Church.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Senator W. O. Bradley Delivered an Address at the Capital Theater—T. K. Robb for Delegate-at-Large—Taft and Roosevelt Clubs on the Outs—Easter Greetings.

(By Hardin Tolbert, at People's Pharmacy. Both Phones 666. Box233.)

FRANKFORT, Ky., Special.

Senator William O. Bradley delivered an address at the Capital theater April 5, to a large and tremendous audience of both white and colored people. Senator Bradley gave his reasons for not supporting Colonel Roosevelt in the great national race for chief executive of the nation. Senator Bradley denounced Roosevelt and his leading supporters in this state, and gave many reasons for doing so. He was in no way backward in saying whatever he desired, suitable to the occasion, and throughout his speech he was applauded many times for his victory in his home state. He is known throughout the state as one of the best orators that we have. He served the state as the first Republican governor and has been fortunate enough to get whatever he asked the people of this dark and bloody ground. We are able to appreciate a man of his character at all times. He has just had passed through the senate a bill appropriating $250,000 for a colored exposition in the United States. At what place this exposition will be held has not yet been decided upon. Louisville is seeking the great assembly and we hope she will be lucky enough to get it. It will be our hearts' delight to land this exposition. To mention Senator Bradley among the older people causes them to smile for they all know exactly his record. Senator Bradley's speech here was at a time of a hot race between both factions, who are in touch with all the modern ideas of the progressive Negroes, and know just what is going on in this progressive line and will take advantage of the opportunity. Senator Bradley left some everlasting facts that will go upon the pages of the minds of hundreds of homes. This serves as a mediu mof exchange to all the people.

Thomas K. Robb for Delegate-at-Large.

When the announcement came out that Mr. Robb, a prominent business man of this city, would make the race for the highest position in the state, and one for which a half dozen other Negroes were fishing, the announcement of Mr. Robb, the best known undertaker in the central part of the state, and the winning speech of our beloved Senator William O. Bradley, were the winning cards for hundreds of votes in this county for the Taft faction of the party. Mr. Robb has been a lifelong Republican and has stood by the party in its glory, as well as in its decay. He is one of those old time politicians that knows the history of the party from the start to the present day, and when any question arises concerning the party, even as far back as its origin, when Mr. Robb is brought into question concerning it, he is so well read that he is able to answer on the spur of the moment. He is considered one of the best and most adept politicians in the state and makes it his business to attend nearly every convention that is held in the state, many of them at his own expense, and such loyalty to party is being appreciated by his home people. During the administration of Governor W. O. Bradley, Mr. Robb held a position in this state, when conditions were not as good as they now are. Mr. Robb has always played a very important part in the great and noble Republican party. He has worked hard among his party and thi shonor as a delegate-at-large is no more than what he deserves. The Republican party would do him an injustice not to give him this honor.

Taft and Roosevelt Clubs on the Outs.

The election for the purpose of sending delegates to the convention at LaGrange, and from there to Louisville, was held in this city in the old state house, on the second floor. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 o'clock p. m., and afterward the session lasted fifty minutes. The Taft men were on one side and wore badges with Bradley and Robb on them and some wore Taft badges. The Roosevelt men nearly all went down stairs in a the others called the meeting adjourned. The vote was 349 for the Taft Club and 236 for the Roosevelt Club. They will both go to the conventions, both claiming the election, and the great fight among them is on. The Taft men have the credentials and the Roosevelt men have not, which might, perhaps, bar them from the privileges of other members. The Roosevelt men wore a photo of Col. Roosevelt, which was very attractive. The Roosevelt members have a firm determination to not give up the fight until they are satisfied that is is fairly fought, put right and they are given a square deal. The Roosevelt members believe Teddy can win, and will stand by him until the last shot is out of the Roosevelt cannon.

Prof. Wm. H. Mayo Receives Bonds.

Prof. W. H. Mayo, principal of the Clinton Street high school, trustee of the State University at Louisville, and clerk of the Corinthian Baptist church, spent a few days in Louisville, visiting the school and his many friends. Prof. Mayo has executed a good substantial first class bond by a surety company, and is qualified for grand secretary of the Masons of Kentucky.

Mrs. Mary L. Webster is very ill at her residence at the corner of Clinton and Longlane avenues, with la grippe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Simon Smith, well thought of citizens, lost their little son. The little boy was more than two years old, and had but a few weeks' sickness before his death. He had a kind and sweet disposition. The all-wise God called him to sleep without having to bear the conflicts of this world. The funeral was held at the residence of his parents, in Governor avenue, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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Mr. T. L. Smith, retired captain of the Capital Social baseball club, left for Louisville to make that city his future home. little argument, and the Taft men and Messrs. Steward Henry and Linsey Wooldridge, of this city, and Percy Harvey, of Cincinnati, spent Easter Sunday in Lexington, Ky., the guests of the Misses Walker.

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Messrs. Robert Hall and Mack Brown spent Easter Sunday in Louisville, Ky.

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Mr. and Mrs. French Butler spent Easter the guests of their many friends.

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Prof. William Amiger, president of the State University at Louisville, spent Easter Sunday in the city and delivered a lecture that afternoon at the First Baptist church before the Foreign Missionery Society. A large crowd was present. Prof. Amiger had a high honor bestowed on him in Louisville, during the time that former President Roosevelt was in that city. Prof. Amiger introduced the Col. at a colored hall at Thirteenth and Walnut streets.

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A tackey social was given at the Corinthian Baptist church Thursday night, April 9, and a large crowd gathered to see the humorous affair. The Jubilee Singers rendered many choice selections, which suited the occasion and a big hit was made by them. This was the most remarkable and laughable affair that the people have witnessed for quite a while. They have asked to have the same presented again.

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Miss Susie Robinson, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting friends and relatives in Lexington at the residence of Mr. Brutus Clay and Mrs. Lowery. Several receptions were given in her honor while in the city.

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Rev. Crutcher was the rector for the Easter services at Clifton, Ky.

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Mr. John Small is visiting Mr. John Lewis at Nicklesville, Ky.

Misses Maggie Walker and Marrie Howard, of Lexington, spent a day in the city the guest of Miss Annie M. Batty.

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Miss Ida Lee, of Louisville, was the guest of Miss Willie Silvey, Easter Sunday. A pleasant day was spent in the city, out cab driving, visiting friends and viewing the city.

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Miss Elnora Boyd left for Louisville, to spend a few days in the city with friends.

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Mr. James Smith spent a day in Lexington, Ky., the guest of Miss Maggie Walker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young, of Wilkerson street, have had born to them, a little girl weighing eight pounds. Congratulations have been sent them.

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Prof. A. L. Todd, grand master of the Odd Fellows, visited the city for a few days, and presided over the lodges.

Miss Jennie Vinniger's beautiful residence on Church street was the scene of a reception party. The rooms were bedecked with many American beauty roses, white and pink carnations, an dferns. The music was fro mthe best selected pieces by an orchestra. The following menu was served: Salmon salad, deviled ham, olives, Uneeda biscuits, pineapple sherbet, aake and coffee.

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Mrs. Lulu Robinson, of Harrisburg, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. Florence Young.

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The First Baptist church club had a meeting at the residence of Miss Katie Nelson on Logan street. Miss Martha Williams, president.

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The following party spent a day in Versailles: Mrs. Mattie L. Anderson, Miss Louise Ward, Messrs. Steward Johnson and Jas. Anderson. A pleasant day was enjoyed among their friends.

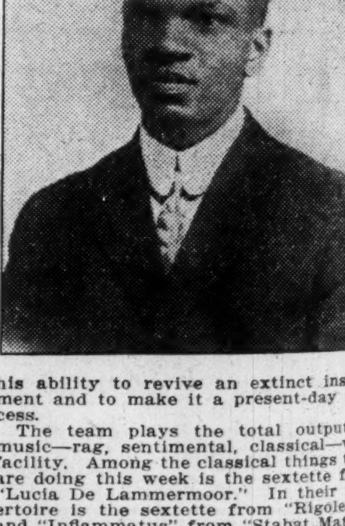
MULLINS AND WITHERS.

Classy Team at the Union Theater, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Union Theater is fortunate in presenting to theatergoers unusual attractions—many of them have never been here before. The patrons have been highly pleased, and give evidences of sticking to the house as long as it keeps up its present grade of acts.

Mullins and Withers were among the most pleasant of surprises of the house so far. Perhaps no act seen here has left a more refreshing impression than their musical number called "Sensation in Music." Miss Mazie Mullins, the head of the firm, is a worthy head, all right. She is a virtuoso, playing with equal ease the saxaphone, piano, trombone. Miss Mullins has had a great career for a colored girl. She hails originally from California. She received her musical education in that western musical hub, Denver. She braved the terrors of the Klondyke, where she played the piano in an orchestra. She played up and down the coast, yet she comes to us a bright, young, pretty woman, vivacious and charming. She has the correct temperament for her job; her attack is forte with a total gamut of passion as a pianist, and shows accomplishment on her other instruments. Her piano rendition was brilliant. It was well received.

Frank Withers also hails from California and the West generally. He also received his musical education in Denver. He saw his future partner in that city when she was a wee bit of a girl. He blew her first trombone. Mr. Withers is a musican in the best sense. His ambition is to top the business, and he is making his way most admirably. He has picked up that obsolete instrument, the ophichide, and is making it do modern duty. It is a codeless affair, because it is out of commission. Mr. Withers made his own code, became his own Meyerbeer, and it now gives him four octaves of joy on down to the cellar base which was so greatly enjoyed. Only two other instruments in the country like it. None in vaudeville at all. It is a sort of forbear to the saxaphone, of mingled reed and brass tone, and very pleasing. The trombone is Mr. Withers' other favorite instrument; he plays it with a seeming reckless abandon, but he is all skill and technique. He prides himself owing to his ability to revive an extinct instrument and to make it a present-day success.



The team plays the total output of music—rag, sentimental, classical—with facility. Among the classical things they are doing this week is the sextette from "Lucia De Lammermoor." In their repertoire is the sextette from "Rigoletto" and "Inflammatus" from "Stabat Mater," the things being done on the leading stages. "The Blues" also appealed to the audience, who knew the thing as soon as it was struck up.

The team feels complimented in that Joe Jordan, the leading colored musician, has invited them, the duo, to become a trio with himself, and to play time abroad. The invitation is being seriously considered.

The team shows its prosperity. It enjoys a good salary and shows other evidences by way of costumes, diamonds and so forth.

Mullins and Withers are a credit to the Negro race, and a sample of its possibility when pursuing opportunity to its utmost.

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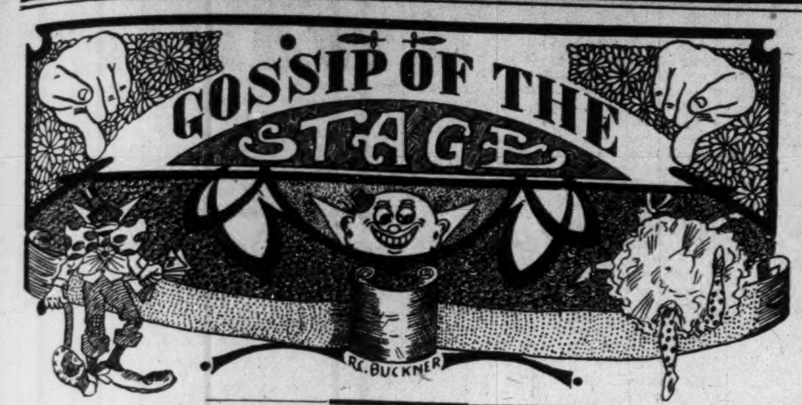

Wanted to know—Is Dudley still hammering on his chain?

B. L. Jenkins is at the Dixie Theater, Charlotte, N. C., and has made three successful weeks.

Archie Jones would like to hear from his son, Archie Jones, Jr. Write to 2826 Vernon avenue.

Horace George is doing "I'm for Music" for the first time on any stage and having success, on the Orpheum Circuit.

Martin and Motley just closed at the Blue Mouse, Washington, D. C. They are at the Star this week, having success.

The Tuskegee Band will appear in Indianapolis in the near future. It will be under the auspices of the Colored Y. M. C. A.

Dean and Johnson are cleaning up in Australia. Papers there say they are the hottest proposition that ever toured the Antipodes.

Baby Seals and wife were in Indianapolis last Sunday, en route to Cincinnati. Will open in Philadelphia, in the near future.

Geo. E. Bundy, manager of the Circle theater, Philadelphia, says that business prospects look bright. Enjoying good business at this time.

Thornton and Long opened at the Pekin Theater, Norfolk, Va., Monday, April 1, and are making good. Others on the bill are the Moores, Tim and Hester.

The big yearly Sumner League Minstrel was pulled off with the usual big success at Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, last Monday evening. Ben Young and others were in charge.

The Ragtime Trio have three more weeks to play in Iowa—Buxton, Nevada and Estherville—then they open over the Miles Circuit, commencing May 2 at the Alhambra Theater, St. Paul, Minn.

Noble L. Sissle, first tenor with the Midland Quartette, is resting in Chicago, preparatory to the coming season's work in chautauqua. He will appear at Simpson Chapel, Indianapolis, in the very near future.

The celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, is in his second week at the Olio Theater, Louisville, Ky., and still going good. Any one wanting him can address him at 1308 West Walnut street, Louisville, Ky.

The Two Sweets are in Hot Springs, filling a four weeks' engagement after spending four months in Memphis with their parents. The Two Sweets are to play the southern states only three more weeks, then return to the North.

Johnson, Smith and Johnson, in what they style piano, song and dancealogue, were at the Gayety Theater, Indianapolis, this week. The team work is good. They went big with the audience. Miss Johnson's work is especially good. Her splendid singing and talking are not excelled on the stage.

Earl Walker, ex-manager of the Crown Garden Theater and the Walker Theater, was in Indianapolis last week, circulating among his friends and acquaintances. Report got out that Mr. Walker came here to take charge of the Union Theater. Manager Jones was asked concerning it. He said there was "nothing doing." The Union wil lcontinue as it has been since the opening under the changed name.

E. H. Williams, of the team of Williams and Stevens, who successfully held down the boards at the Auditorium theater, Philadelphia, for the last six weeks, was compelled to cancel last half of last week on account of the illness of his mother. She died just before he reached his home in Wyandotte, Kans. Mr. Stevens was compelled to remain in Philadelphia to help straighten out their business for the coming show.

JAMES W. LOWERY DEAD.

James H. Lowery, brother of P. G. Lowery, died in the Sisters' hospital, St. Joseph, Mo., April 3, after a very short spell of sickness. In November, 1911, he left the N. U. in Canada, and joined his brother P. G., and shortly after joining hands in a business way, he bought P. G. a fine Pullman palace car. During the winter he contracted a severe cold which turned into pneumonia, and after an illness of about fifteen days the end came. P. G. conveyed the body to Reece, Kans., where it was laid to rest. He leaves a sister, mother, two brothers and other relatives and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Uncle Jim, as he was professionally called, was liked by all who knew him, both in and out of the profession.

NOTES OF GEO. T. OSTELING'S "GEORGIA SOUTHERNS."

(By Mme. Ida B. Hooten.)

Our bunch is all well and doing fine. It has been strengthened by Bob Boons, and he sure leaves the the house in an uproar with his comic and acrobatic dancing. Then the best of all is when he plays "Old Kentucky Home" on bottles filled with water. Then comes Harry Jones, our monologist kid. We also have Happy Hamilton and Janie Gadson. This team is doing fine. Hooten and Hooten leave them in a scream with their singing and funny sketches. Eugene B. Hooten, our worthy stage manager, made a flying trip to Savannah, Ga., to purchase new uniforms for the stage. He was successful enough to get a piano player and he sure knows music. Little Willie Jackson and Wallace Miller have joined hands in a singing, talking and dancing act. They are doing fine. Our orchestra consists of the following: Mr. James Price, pianist; Mr. John Marshall, melophone, and Mr. John Wattins, traps. Tom Edwards would learn some new news for himself by writing Eugene B. Hooten and John Marshall, care The Freeman. Write them at once. Our route is as follows: Lincolnton, N. C., April 8; Lenoir, N. C., week of April 15. John Henry Stokes is our property man. He knows his business.

BROWN AND SHELTON.

Messrs. Brown and Shelton, of J. Leubrie Hill's "My Friend from Dixie" company, will appear the week of April 14 at the Alhambra Theater, with the above company. This is Mr. Brown's second season in musical comedy, and it is an undisputed fact that he is the coming straight man of the present age, having created a furore in every city where this production has played. Mr. Brown is a recruit from high-class vaudeville, having played many times all of B. F. Keith's Eastern time, with divers partners. Mr. Richard Shelton has also received no little praise for his worthy work as a comedian in this musical comedy. This duo of young men were lauded to the skies during their recent engagement in Cincinnati, by Mr. Jack Johnson, the champion, who came back on the stage to shake hands and compliment these two clever artists.

THE NEW CIRCLE THEATER, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The same old story. Another week of tremendous business. On Wednesday night they waited in the rain for a chance to enter. The features of the bill were Jerome and Lewis, two excellent vocalists, and the character work of Dick Lewis far excelled anything previously attempted here. Micheals and Micheals, with Eleanora Wilson, did a very neat act, making several changes of the most extravagant wardrobe and were received with universal approval. Madam Cordelia McClain and Miss Pauline Crampton were also a decided hit, and had to respond to many encores. The Madam retains the same magnetism as years ago. The Arntes made the same success as they did the opening week. Miss Grace rendered "The Chicken Reel" and did a cane dance with Billy that set them wild. The house has the reputation of presenting the best shows in town, and Mrs. Segal wears the smile that won't come off. It is nothing strange to see the neighboring managers standing around viewing the waiting crowds nightly. Coming next are Winn and Nugent, Billy Cumby team, Lewis and Lewis, Roco's animal actors, Hamilton Trio and Gardner and Gardner. The house staff consists of Epstine Segal Amusement Company, proprietor; Geo. E. Bundy, amusement director; Wilson H. Keyer, musical director; Arthur Russell, drums and effects; Samuel J. Kelly, house officer; Rose Lewis, treasurer; Harry A. Savage, electrician; Daniel Wise, stage manager; Samuel Small, attendant; Jas. Reynolds, representative.

SOUTHERN THEATORIUM, WILMINGTON, N. C.

White and White closed a two weeks' engagement at the Southern Theatorium and opened at the Rex, in Winston-Salem, on April 1. Russell and Porter took their place at the Southern Theatorium and played to a packed house. Standing room was at a premium long before the first show was out. Johnson and Johnson are making their third week, and have the house screaming all the time. Glenn and Glenn will open at the Southern Theatorium on April 8. The only kick coming with the manager is the small seating capacity, which is only about 350, but he hopes for something better soon.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Ella Gaines is making a hit at the new Savoy Theater with "What Makes Me Love You the Way I Do?" and her clever buck, wing and ragtime dancing is setting them wild. Lew Hall, the well-known droll comedian, has joined hands with the clever little soubrette, La Remelle Jackson, and will be seen soon in an original skit entitled "Skumton's Engagement."

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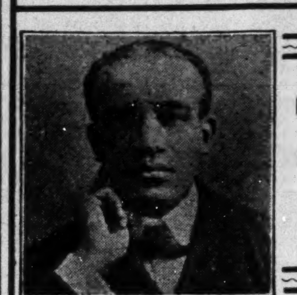

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

TIDINGS FROM "ROYAL SAM" WHICH STRANDED.

Jolly John Larkins Tells His Side of the Story—Poverty Made Performers Desperate.

That "Royal Sam," the new musical comedy in which Jolly John Larkin starred this season, did not fare very luxuriously is a well known fact from messages received from the southern section and from thence to Peoria, Ill., where the company stranded. The reports of actors who were with the show, who condemned Larkins as a trickster, whose method in financing and whose emblem of secret assurity was a safe guarantee that whatever by-art in business dealings he had practiced would be a safe installment, is what led me to seek an interview with Mr. Larkins at his boarding residence on Wabash avenue. Marrow and Menlendin Brothers, of New York, as a substance of what Larkins said, put out the show. Early on the tour, when things went bad, they gave Larkins a "bill of sale" for back salary. This excited the members of the company at Macon, Ga. At Montgomery, Ala., a stage hand attached the costumes for security and Dr. Caffey and Mr. and Mrs. Stairs, prominent colored people of the city, came to Mr. Larkins' rescue. Then Tom Cross and Boots Allen deserted the company. At Columbia, Tenn., R. Voelckel, manager of Black Patti, took the management of the company but did not supply enough printing matter. He installed Mr. Forbish as manager-representative. When the company got to New Orleans, business was not so good at the Temple theater, which resulted in financial troubles with H. Lawrence Freeman, Mr. Mores and Anita Wilkins. On the way to Texas, Forbish absconded and H. D. Collins then took up the management at Kansas City. Important dates were cancelled from New York in western cities on account of the paper not arriving on time. When the company had arrived in Peoria, the production had been attached by a frame-up in the company, which caused Mr. Larkins to be brought before the mayor. An explanation was demanded and Larkins produced proof papers which exonerated him from difficulties unforseen. Mr. Larkins declared that if he had the same experience to go through at another time he would never care to star again. There are so very many things that happen in an organization caused by ignorance of some actors and overbearance of others who are overwise and inconsiderate, that it is hardly necessary to discuss the subject except to say that in the case of a star everything is heaped upon him and where the fault is only collectively with others, it is proper that the individual man who figures should have a chance to synopsisize his story. If Larkins had been a rich star his faults would have been less rebellious. While the members of the company cannot be overlooked and while I have always stood up for the weaker people, the substance is that poverty was desperate and there was no money. In order to kee pthe company afloat Larkins had twice pawned his wife's diamond earrings and his own gold watch and ring. When Larkins and his wife, Jennie Pearl, arrived in the city, the Western Association booked them at once in vaudeville. The team left Sunday, April 7, to open at Kansas City on the 8th, with Omaha, Denver, Eacramento, Frisco and other dates to follow on the Pacific coast.

Southland, With Manzie Campbell, Captures at the New Grand—Rose Fox's Comedy Boys Share Honors.

Sidney L. Perrin's musical comedietta, "Southland," opened at the Grand to a packed house, Monday evening. Manzie Campbell, one of the best young comedians on the American stage, led the fun, and his partner, Mr. Warfield, was an excellent straight. Charles Gilpin, in an old-man comedy creation, came in for second honors. Fanny Wise, who had the leading female role, enacted her part nicely, but should have rendered a classical solo. Beulah Ray White, quite as clever as any comedienne of her race, added strength and glory to the performance. The chorus was not so strong, but was clever and went well, owing to the fact that Joe Jordan, the composer, and one of the best colored musical directors in the country, conducted the act for Sam Tuck, a white manager, who owns the play. Rose Fox and her three comedy boys shared equal honors with any act on the bill. The white acts included Ryan and Cohan, two attractive girls, who sang ragtime very well; one of them sang "Take Me Back to the Garden of Love," very artistically, but with not much voice. Dorothy Lyon, in "A Modern Ananias," was fair, and Chas. Coby, as a ventriloquist, was not only insinuating, but prejudiced to the core. The bill for the second half of last week was all white and not strong. "The Village Choir," which took the place of an act that was canceled, had an excellent contralto. The Skatelles on rollers, Alf James and company in "The Strike," Hilton and Lewis, and Phil La Toska, a good comic juggler, completed the bill. "An Unwilling Bigamist" was an interesting picture study. M. E. Bish is the operator.

The Cubanola Trio at the Monogram—Billy McCarver and Leona Marshall Score Individually.

The return of the Cubanola Trio at this house drew crowds on Monday night at every performance. The trio consists of Laura Bailey, Gertrude Delaney and Anita Humphrey. Each individual solo was rendered with great satisfaction, especially Laura Bailey, whose rendition of "Take Me Back to the Garden of Love," if not artistic, showed her voice to unexpected advantage. The trio numbers, especially the finish, attracted. McCarver and Diggs were comical return entertainers, especially McCarver's protean comedy work. Leon Diggs, who had a slight cold, rendered the "Harbor of Love" with an excellent method of vocalization from the gifted tenor. Leona Marshall easily won favor in a single specialty. Miss Marshall, who has been a leading lady in musical comedy, and who now has fully regained her voice, might be sure that she can go it alone a long time, if she will change her songs and act often. Minor and Minor fared well in a comedy sketch, but the lady must sing and talk louder. "Bucktown Romance," a genuine Negro picture, took immensely, and as far as comedy is concerned nothing like it has been seen. This class of pictures at this house will become a welcome attraction. George Ross, the operator, utilizes the picture machine and lights very nicely.

Will Able and New Entertainers at the LaVerdo.

Quite the swellest cafe in town is the LaVerdo, where the bill of fare is furnished in lavish Chinese style. Will Able is chief entertainer from 7 p. m. to 1 a. m. He is assisted by Edith Gordon and Bessie Hunter, entertainers; Dave Lewis, saxophone, with Clarence Jones, the composer, as pianist.

A New Variety of Photo Plays at the Pheonix.

There was a new variety of photo pictures on hand at the Phoenix on Monday night. "Lulu's Anarchist" was an interest winner. "Poor Jimmy" was well liked, and "The Deputy's Love Affair" fed lovelorn hearts. Hattie May Patton, with her sweet voice, won well deserved encores in the song, "To the End of the World with You," with splendid scenic views. The song made a hit on its general merits.

Chicago Stage Notes.

Mrs. Will H. Dorsey (Lizzie Hart), who recently suffered a nervous breakdown, is out and rapidly improving.

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The Y. M. C. A. had an Easter musical program, rendered at Odd Fellows' Hall, 3335 State street, where their meetings are held at 4 p. m. every Sunday. Mr. Buchanan sang excellently at Bethel.

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Peat and Hayes are at the Premier Theater this week. Ed F. Peat, in his latest bashful kid flirtation, made a real hit at the Monogram last week.

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Clarence Bowens, of the Ten Georgia Campers, states that Isola Ringold is undergoing a throat operation at a New York Hospital. Miss Lizzie Wallace is filling her place.

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Mrs. Susie Newton, the well-known hair dresser, of 2621 State street, will give up her store business, to take a private flat, where she will continue her hair work. Her store fixtures, etc., are for sale.

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Houseley and Nicolas, the premier musical comedians, will head the bill at the Union Theater, Indianapolis, Ind., April 15, and the people of that city can expect a rare treat.

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Billy Cumby and Lillian Brown left last Saturday for Toledo, O. They will play Detroit next week, with two weeks at the Circle Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., to follow.

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Rance Smith is at the Gaiety this week. Next week he will be at the Virginia, with Janesville, Wis., and the Union Theater, Indianapolis, Ind., to follow.

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Casabi G. Griffin, the expert pants maker, is now located at Chas. Glazebrook's tailoring establishment, 2803 State street. Mr. Griffin is not only highly spoken of, but his work and continuous patronage in trade speaks for itself.

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Salem Tutt Whitney and a few members of the Southern Smart Set Company were in the city last Thursday for a lay-over, en route to Joliet. Fred Larence Bradford, the aviator, and I were the guests of Mr. Whitney and his brother, Homer Tutt, at Harrison's Model Cafe, 12 West Thirty-first street, at noon. We attended the early performance at the Monogram, where I introduced them to Manager Klein and Will H. Dorsey. We found Miss Baybelle Brown, Ethel Marshall and Miss Babe Brown, leading ladies, who got lost, at the Grand Theater. I carried Mr. Whitney up into the private office at the Grand, where I introduced him to Manager Duke Brennan and Manager Hammond, of the Phoenix. Mr. Whitney was desirous of meeting Manzie Campbell and George Reeves, whom he once had met as kid performers. We hailed Reeves on his way from the elevated station in a nervous hurry to make the first performance at the Monogram. There we went into Russell & Dago's, where Manzie Campbell was sporting a new suit of Easter clothes. Mr. Whitney afterwards told me they had both developed into fine young men. The party left on the 11:30 train for Joliet, where the company appeared the next evening.

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F. L. Bradford, the aviator, is now busy setting up his machine, getting it in readiness for the coming events in May, which last until October. Besides flying in an aeroplane, he is to make balloon ascensions, but will scale the South Side in a monoplane. When I approached him on the death of C. P. Rogers, the white aviator, Mr. Bradford said: "Rogers and I were good friends, and he had even taught me some of my most valuable lessons in machine operation. The accident which caused Rogers' machine to lower is one that may or may not ever happen again. So far as I am concerned, I am not afraid. I love the work and will keep right on, the same as ever."

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The poem contributed last week, having suffered error, is herein reproduced this week, with an extra verse:

The Question and Answer.

What makes your mood my heart beguile
When love has claimed you, nature's child?
And I am calmly waiting
To hear you talk and see you smile;
I'll drift away in after-while,
For love is irritating.
So if you're bashful, claim your own!
And do not roam thro' life alone
While birds are consummating.

What makes the birds their chirup sing
Of "love me before my love takes wing"
And "time as a robber is thrifting?"
To voice the sentiment they bring,
Concludes the phase to which I cling,
Ere I am slowly drifting—
The secret where? Sad looks will tell.
Tho' I shall always wish you well,
Our charred hearts will be sifting.

—Sylvester Russell.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Theatrical and Other Happenings.

Fisher and Seals are the big headliners at the Pekin Theater this week. The act is a new one, and they are billed as Baby F. Seals and Baby Fisher. While the patrons have read of the work of this team regularly through the theatrical columns of The Freeman, there was still some doubts as to the ability of the pair to please this very critical bunch; but facts are facts, and it is the box office that tells the story. "And that's aplenty." It would be impossible to give even a fair description of the success of this team. A laugh every second for fifteen minutes is a near guess. Mr. Seals is a funny comedian; his lines are original and not overdone. And the little Miss Baby Fisher is a real live wire. She possesses a good voice, lends color to the sketch, and gives the people a run for their money. Miss Lucy Shepherd rendered a couple of beautiful numbers, and was compelled to respond to several encores. She is in a class by her lonely.

Notes.

The Pekin has a matinee every afternoon, from 2 to 5. Three reels of moving pictures and several pretty ballads by Miss Bessie Hocker make up the program. The matinees are well attended. The evening show consists of two reels of moving pictures and two vaudeville turns, which give the patrons about all they care to sit through.

Burt Grant, of Grant and Jones, left this city during the early part of the week to join his partner, Irving Jones, in the East.

Mr. Wm. H. Hogan, of the Olio Theater, Louisville, Ky., was in the city during the week.

Kid Ashe, our local colored favorite boxer, lost a popular decision to Jack Morgan, of Indianapolis, last Monday evening, in this city. While the Kid made a grand showing, the results show that he was poorly matched. An old adage was that "a match well made was half won," which proved to be a fact in Morgan's case. There is many a good fight in this boy Ashe yet, and it is a shame to match him with men again as large as he is.

The management of the Pekin has spent several hundred dollars having the front and interior remodeled.

Miss Jennie Monroe is our popular ticket seller.

Hamilton, Hall and Hamilton will be the attraction at the Pekin next week.

THE UNION THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Managers Jones and Turner are still doing their best to make the patrons like the new show house. They are succeeding in a fine way. The bill this week is of unusual merit. On Monday evening the first act did not keep pace with the others. They didn't get in the proper practice. Got smoother farther along in the week. This was Johnson and Rectors.

Mullins and Withers is a classy team which gives a refreshing musical act on several instruments. Nothing better has been seen here. They are spoken of at length elsewhere in this issue. They are worthy of all said of them.

Kelly and Davis furnish plenty of fun. The comedian end is among the very good ones of the stage. He is there. The straight end as a dancer is a whirlwind. He's got 'em, too. The man to beat him has got to come along.

The Kinky Trio gave also a refreshing bit of amusement. Perhaps the best compliment to them is to say that they did not give enough. The act was so new and novel that the audience could have stood very much of it. The work was bright and cheerful and very, very pleasing.

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Hull, Dan
Johnson, W. M.
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Singleton, Baby Doll
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To Friends in and out of the profession:

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SUNNY DIXIE MINSTRELS—Durham, N. C., April 18; Raleigh, 19; Fayetteville, 20; Wilmington, 22.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., week of April 15.

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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

R. Byron Shelton, of Fiddler and Shelton, is home in Indianapolis, visiting his relatives and friends.

Fred Neusome is having success with his stock company in Sandford, Fla., at the colored Pastime theater.

Riley and Riley are making good, and playing to a full house every night at the Pekin theater, Dublin, Ga.

Johnson and Dean are playing in Adelaide, Australia, making a tremendous hit. Will be home about April 30.

Doshie Styles has closed, after five successful weeks in Wilmington, N. C. Now in Charlotte, N. C., at the Dixie Theater.

Frank Kirk, the "musical tramp," will open Monday, April 8, at Kalamazoo, Mich. Booked solid over Butterfield's time.

The Hamilton Trio is still in the land of the living, having success in spite of some little setbacks. They read The Freeman and advise others to get the habit. It will do good. At Lexington last week, Louisville next week. Will go to Philadelphia later on.

Brutus McWilliams and his wife, Harriette Craig, both of Indianapolis, who have lately entered vaudeville, have made big hits in their two acts, "Red Fed Feather" and "Rex, the Mexican Cowboy," and have been engaged for the second week at Memphis, Tenn.

La Vola, slack wire king, is having great success in vaudeville, and will be seen during the summer season with Chamberlain's Minstrels and at the closing of the season will return to vaudeville. Managers, look for my cut in The Freeman in a short time.

The Two Weavers, Eula Mae and J. J., have closed their two weeks engagement at the Dixie theater, Key West, Fla. They are spending holy week at Tampiola, Fla., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Griffin. Mr. Griffin is a classmate of Mr. Weaver and a very prominent business man in Tampa. They open at the Globe theater, Jacksonville, Fla., on the 8th of April.

Mr. Roy Pope, bandmaster with Ringling Bros.' Shows, was quietly married to Miss Emma R. Stith, Thursday evening of last week. The marriage took place at the home of Rev. G. W. Ward, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, who officiated. Only families of contracting parties were present. Mrs. Pope is organist of the B. Y. P. U. and secretary of Mount Zion Baptist Church Sunday school.

Clever Billy Young writes: "Scored heavily at Astoria, Ore., also Salem, and have just finished in The Dalles, at the Casino Theater, to a howling success. I open Sunday, April 1, at the Electric Theater, Hood River, Ore., with the People's Theater, Portland, Ore., to follow. Am coming East by way of Bert Pittman time out of Denver, and will also play the Webster time out of Fargo, N. D."

AT THE REX THEATER, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., WEEK OF APRIL 1, 1912.

Happy-Go-Lucky Simpson is playing a return engagement of two weeks, after playing three successful weeks. The little fellow with the big feet is clever in all his parts. Week of April 8th, at the Queen theater, Wilmington, N. C. Houze and Houze, week of April 1. The team that is making good everywhere. A riot. Week of April 8th, Queen theater, Wilmington, N. C. Little Elmira and White are doing good, playing two successful weeks. The Freeman can be bought of the operator at the Rex theater, Winston-Salem, N. C.

ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CARR 999.

P. L. Jenkins Writes From Hattiesburg, Miss.

We are playing along the fertile Mississississippi valley this week and as of yore it is always a gala day when Allen's Minstrels come to town. Mr. John Verdun, Jewish impersonator, has gone to his home in New Orleans, La., to spend a ten days' vacation. Mr. Wm. (Tuba) Thomas is on a fortnight's vacation in Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Jos. S. Watts, of New Orleans, La., wife of Mr. J. S. Watts, of the acrobatic Watts Brothers team, was a pleasant visitor to the show for five days this week. The members of this company were handsomely entertained April 2d by Mr. Chas. Laurendine, our trap drummer, and his family, while we were showing his home town, Mobile, Ala., the entertainment, which was indeed a swell affair, lasting from 3 until 6 p. m. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Celia and Mrs. Estelle Borrois, Mrs. Phoebe Wills, Mrs. Julia Ponquennette and Miss Josephine Laurendine, the mother of Mr. Laurendine being hostess. The members of this company present were: Chas. E. Rue, Robert Miller, Edward Alexander, Wm. Phillips, Chas. Laurendine and Mr. Nathaniel Hollman, of Mobile, Ala. Mr. J. C. Singleton has just received a new $225 saxaphone and is doing solo work from the stage, scoring nightly; regards to Ed. Sherwood. Mr. Wm. Shaw, flute and piccolo, sends regards to Bismarck Ferris and says write. W. W. Davis, singing and dancing comedian, is still scoring nightly with his original songs; regards to all.

NOTES FROM PROF. EPH WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOURS.

(By Edward Baskin.)

Direct from a run of the states of Florida and Georgia for the solid winter, Prof. Eph Williams' band of famous troubadours and Silas Green Company, combined with his Big City Minstrels, opened its days to one of the largest and most enthusiastic crowds that has ever been seated under his large and spacious water-proof tent, at Aiken, S. C., Saturday night, March 31. Fully 800 people crowded to the door crying for admission. Having been blocked from our destination by a wreck we were compelled to defer the opening of the doors until the late hour of 10 o'clock. White as well as colored sat on the curb stones and watched the boys erect the large and spacious canvas, eager and determined to see that great cast of performers, that has made this company the household word of everyone throughout the South, render the new and original production, "Silas Green from New Orleans."....After being absent from the show for several weeks on account of the death of her mother, Miss Jannie Hale, leading lady turned to the show at Hawkinsville, Ga., last week. Hiss Hale is singing "Pickanniny Band" and "I'll Change the Thorns to Roses," making good at every performance.....Mr. R. C. Puggsley, business manager, is ahead of the show this week, attending to some much needed business in regard to the advance.......Miss Bessie Edgington, our buck and wing dancer, is cleaning up with everyone in her class. The encores she gets every night are beyond mention. Swell wardrobe and oloks good...Mr. Wm. Mayfield, better known as Silas Green, is knocking them high with his funny sayings. He is a scream from start to finish....Every member of the company is looking forward to spending a happy Easter at Wilmington, N. C. The band, under the leadership of Prof. R. H. Collins, is planning to play an Easter concert at one of the leading churches. We will tell you more about it next week....The bunch sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING

A Mob at Close Range.

By S. Tutt Whitney.

Room at the Top.

"There's always room at the top" is an old and true adage. When one starts in any profession, then stops to count the hundreds that are following the same vocation, one is very apt to become discouraged. A thousand will start; one-half that number will never leave the post; a third of the remainder will attain mediocrity; a possible fifth that remains from that number will average good, while perhaps a tenth of the number still remaining will make excellent. The top can be reached only by strenuous, persistent and consistent effort. There are always obstacles to surmount and difficulties to circumvent. One must have tenacity of purpose to pass the period of discouragement, when one's best effort seems to count for naught and further progress appears impossible.

Work is the key to success. What is generally termed luck, is opportunity. But what good of the opportunity if one is not prepared to grasp it? Opportunity has hair in front, but is bald behind. It is futile to grab after past opportunity. It has been rightly said that "opportunity knocks once at every man's door." Some are asleep when the knock comes; others fail to recognize the knocker. Bacon says: "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

Ofttimes an artist who has been patiently toiling and hoping through years of obscurity, meets his opportunity, grasps it and steps into the limelight. Then the world exclaims: "Luck!" But the artist could tell that it was not luck, but hard work.

It is surprising to note how few men and women in the theatrical profession are willing to devote one hour a day to the acquirement of knowledge that will assist in placing them at the top of their profession. Not one-fifth of our colored performers can read music; a less number have a knowledge of voice culture, while the most of them are sadly deficient in the knowledge of the correct usage of the English language. It is the distaste for work and a lack of ambition that keeps the room at the top from being overcrowded.

West Baden, Ind.

In south central Indiana, nestling cozily in a little pocket among the hills, surrounded by giant elms and watered by perennial springs, is the little town of West Baden. The town is small in size, but large in popularity. People of every nationality, from all parts of the globe, journey thither to test the wonderful curative qualities of its mineral springs.

Here may be seen the beautiful West Baden Hotel, with its mighty dome 200 feet in diameter and containing an air space of 2,730,000 cubic feet, making the hotel the eighth wonder of the world. But the West Baden Hotel is not the only hotel in the town. Colored people who wish to take the water cure can be accommodated at the Jersey European Hotel, of which Charles P. Rice is the proprietor. Mr. Rice's hotel is not so ostentatious as the West Baden Hotel, or so picturesquely surrounded; but it is complete and modern in its appointments. It has the necessities without the superfluities. The kitchen is in charge of a competent cook, the meals are deliciously prepared and the service is excellent. A bath-house with all the latest equipments has been installed at great expense.

Charley Rice is a model landlord, always looking after the interests of his guests, who are his friends. His genial disposition and pleasant smile leave no doubt of a cordial welcome at the Jersey European Hotel.

By unanimous request of the citizens of West Baden, Manager Prow secured the Southern Smart Set Company for the St. Patrick's day attraction at the West Baden Theater. The beautiful theater was filled with a record-breaking crowd. The performance was highly complimented and gave general satisfaction. Manager Prow is negotiating for an early return date. Sylvester Russell, the eminent critic, reviewed the show. The lower floor of the theater was reserved for the guests of the hotel. Mr. Russell was the only colored person occupying a seat on the lower floor.

S. TUTT WHITNEY.

LINDALE, GA.

It is said that Clifton Kelly has one of the best piano players, getting more music out of a twenty-five string baby grand than any other man....Mr. Geo. Green, prominent buck and wing dancer and trick roller skater, is now en route with Clifton Kelly's Show for the coming season....White and White are still making good with big ones.

JOHNSON THEATORIUM, COLUMBIA, S. C.

The J. J. Perry Trio opened on the 25th of March with great success. Chas. Smith is one of the funniest little comedians in vaudeville. He is making good singing "I Will Come Back" and "Yamma Man," taking three and four encores. He sends his best regards to all in the profession. Little Quaker Brown is the pick of the house, taking three and four encores nightly, singing "Fishing" and "Oh, You Beautiful Doll." He sends regards to the Sunny Dixie bunch. Old J. J. Perry, with his funny looks and sayings, is leaving the house screaming every night, singing parodies. Regards to the Allen Minstrels bunch.

BELMONT STREET THEATER, PENSACOLA, FLA.

At the Belmont Street Theater Miss Magnolia Brown opened the olio with one of her best songs, entitled "Believe Me, Jack." Then followed Mr. Broysdale with a familiar song, "If I Could See Mamie Payne." Then followed the Wiggins Bros. with their own act, "From a Bellboy to a Zulu." This is a singing and dancing act from start to finish. They are handling late songs. Jack Ginger is making four changes in his Yula act. He is first a bellboy, next boss man, next a honey boy, then a Yula, and follows Mose Grimes. He is still singing "Porto Rico Isle," scoring a big hit. I was with one of the Wiggins Bros. to-day in a close conversation about theatrical life, and he says it is just a case of hard work. I asked him how long he had been in the business. He said, "Off and on, all my life." I asked him if he had ever been cut and down, and he said he was out and down now, "Out from home and down South," and I told him that was pretty good at that. I asked him if he thought he would live long doing the kind of dancing that he does. He told me his father was still living. Then I asked him how old he was. He said he was twenty-two. I must say these are the two smartest brothers that ever played my house. They will close here on the 6th inst. Will open in Jacksonville, Fla., on the 8th. They are welcome back at any time.

M. JACOBY.

FRANK HENDON INFORMS STAGE-STRUCK.

Dear Hendon:

I am so glad the colored people are going to have a chain of theaters. Then some of the unknown producers will be able to frontward themselves. Hendon, I have a play that is a corker, and right here I want to add that I am some humorist, and if you will pardon my saying so; I am going to tell you that you are one of the poorest writers that ever trampled the Dixie soil. I know other people who think your writings are "peaches." But I am here to tell you that they are below zero, although you be the one great master of slanguage. I have a play that is a hummer. Hendon, listen while I tell you this play will make Jesse A. Shipp rare back and take notice. Do you follow me? This play that I am talking about will make J. Leubrie Hill turn green with envy, and you know you will have to go some to make a broad-minded chap like Hill envious. Now give those few remarks a chance to digest, for I am going to tell you that I am a progressive, but have in my possession a play that you would probably call unprogressive, simply for the reason that a crap game is the main feature. I have turned the play over to Mr. John Goodloe, and he has grabbed the financial assistance of Jack Johnson. Seeing that a game was the main feature in the play, Mr. Johnson said that he thought game would be an appropriate name for it; Goodloe seconded the motion. I bet them $2.50 that they would never be able to stage it; of course, they put up $2.50, which meant that they would. Now, what I want to find out is this: If they stage the play and it is a financial success, can I demand any royalty, or am I out of it?

Very respectfully,

Libbretos Lize.

Answer: Dear Lize—In reply to your puzzle I must say that you are some writer. Allow me to present you with a bit of advice. If you have such a feverheat play, the best thing to do is to put it on in Chicago, where you can invite so many professionals to come out and take a look at it. Give me a seat any place in the house, but Miller and Lyles should have a box. As to your question, I understand that you bet $2.50 that they would not stage the play and they bet $2.50 that they would. If a stakeholder has got $2.50 from each side, it is useless to go any farther, for you can readily see it is a plain case of five up. Making it a little plainer, or in other words dishing it out in special courses, I will call your attention to the fact that you gave the play to Mr. Goodloe, and Mr. Goodloe nabbed Jack Johnson's financial assistance, and Jack, seeing a crap game was the main feature, he named the play "game." Now, you want to know if you are out of it. All I have to say is, you have played Goodloe gift, Jack and the game, and, what is more, you are out. I don't know who proposed this little transaction. Kindly permit yours faithfully to ask whose deal is it?

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A certain stage-struck girl asked me to get her a job on the stage. I said, "Why, my dear girl, you can get a job yourself." Then she wanted to know what she would have to learn to pick up a little loose vaudeville change. I said, "Dear girl, all you have to do is dance and sing." Then she uttered the following:

"If all you have to know
Is how to dance and sing,
I am qualified, and so
My hat is in the ring.
I know I'll be a scream.
Rip, bang, bing!
And that ain't no dream—
My hat is in the ring."

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Among the latest frigid discoveries are the South Pole and the dawg song. Baby W. Seals has a parody on the dawg song. It goes like this:

"All up here on the Northern grounds
Folks keep knocking the Southern towns.
Makes no difference if they is way down,
Dey gotta quit knocking the Southern
towns."

And they say Seals is to tour the country singing that dawg dope. Seals should be careful about his songs, but as to touring the country, he auto, because he is from Mobile.

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Yours very carefully walked into a barber shop, and, as usual, barber shop prattle was at its height. Suddenly the conversation drifted to performers, and you know a conversation in a barber shop about performers can raise more excitement than an inoffensive mouse could at a suffragette convention. To make the game strong, I told them that I knew something about performers, because Sylvester Russell was my brother. Then another fellow said that he was going to Chicago to work in the near future, and he was going to Russell and get his bluff in on him so as to make Russell give him a good write-up. Just then a guitar picker struck the chord of "B" broad. I got broad and parodied a used-to-be popular song thusly:

"My great big brother Sylves
I'se known North, East, South and West;
He is a critic who has done stood the test,
Considered the best.
Sometimes he speaks kinder rough,
'Cause he's made out of pig iron and
stuff.
It would take a whole regiment to bluff
My brother Sylves."

J. M. BUSBY—MAE ARMSTRONG.

We are on the coast, and business is good out among the oranges and lemons, and the company is enjoying the luxuries of life. Our interlocutor, Thomas Thompson, has been on the sick list, but is able to sing "Sweetheart of My Dreams." Our band and orchestra are under the able leadership of J. C. Scott and Willie Timmons. We had the pleasure of meeting the 101 Ranch Show. Many glad handshakes were exchanged. Charley Smith, our stage manager, is still wearing the smile that won't come off. Extreme ends, Jacob Ward, Eddie Singleton; second, Simon Jones, A. T. McGuder. Miss Effie Moore, our leading lady, is the cynosure of all eyes. Soubrettes, Mae Armstrong, Ruth Crosby, Lena Hulett. Master Tidus Triplett, our young cornet player, is great. Our saxophone quartette is doing nicely. Hamp Harper and Willie Hulett are still pleasing the noonday audiences with their slide trombone playing.

REX THEATER, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

For the special benefit of Southern performers I wish to say just a few words to them through your good paper.

If the average performer knew the trouble and worry this business of placing tickets is, he would not ask that tickets be placed. If a performer has an act that he knows will go, he is perfectly safe in paying his own transportation. Not that the manager minds advancing transportation, nor is he afraid that the performer will skip with it, as the ticket is only good to the place it is placed for, but the average ticket agent is so careless with the placing of the tickets we never know whether or not the ticket will be placed, and we don't know whether we will have a show next week or not.

I have had quite a little trouble along that line recently. I had a team of four to come in two days late on account of the negligence of the railroad company. You can imagine what the absence of four will do for even a large bill.

Another point: If, when writing for a date with a manager, you mention I or we don't want transportation, you stand three chances to one getting booked. A short time ago I got a message from a team like this: "Can you use our act? ...... dollars per week; don't want any transportation." I wired them back: "Send cuts and photos; open Monday advertising you." I knew they would make good because they knew they would, or they would not be willing to risk transportation.

Another thing about a good many of the colored performers: They draw 50 cents and adollar every day or two and spend it in such a way that they have nothing to show for it on pay day but a loan check.

I hope all the performers will agree with me along this line, and whether you do or not, I want every one that sees this article to write me a personal letter and tell me what you think of it. I assure you I will answer every one who wishes to write me.

W. E. PIKE, Manager.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

JOHNSON AND DEAN IN AUSTRALIA.

A Leading Vaudeville Team.

The following excellent report of Johnson and Dean was noted in a publication of Adelaide, Australia:

"Johnson and Dean being billed as America's greatest colored team of singers and dancers.' We quite believe that the description quoted is warranted. Not since Charlie Walker (now stone blind, poor fellow, yet still working in the halls in England) and his partner, Ida May, were on the Rickardian boards in Australia, has any 'coon double' of such talent in singing and dancing and of such gorgeous wardrobeing, been seen out here. The lady of the double is 'Dean,' and she is the possessor of a singing voice that you could hunt the ranks of the colonial and English musical comedy and opera companies in vain to find a more melodious one. Then, too, her physical charms, and facial beauty—all genuine. She is truly a beautiful woman, and so delicate is her (racially) brunette type, that it is hard to ercdit that she is of Negro descent. No handsomer woman is on the vaudeville stage of the Commonwealth today. As to 'Dean's' dresses. They almost beggar description. Her first was a dark olive green satin, tight-fitting, a huge brocade bow being on the face of the skirt, the eccentric-angular cut of which from each hip was heavily trimmed with floral design work, the hat of dark green being piled with steel grey ostrich plumes. Her second costume was one of rich brown and gold filagree and sequin effect, a gorgeous make, black cord girdle and blue streamer ribbon depending from the corsage edge, an inverted V opening over the full length of the skirt, allowing a beautiful coral pink satin to be shown, the train to the dress being a full one very cleverly handled by the lady in dancing. Her jewelry with this costume included a 200-guinea set of diamond errings, a 500-guinea diamond sunburst necklace and a 300-guinea diamond sunburst worn over the breasts. Her third and last costume was a royally rich principal boy's one which showed her superb figure off most effectively. Johnson and Dean will appear every night next week."

EASTERN NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Cook and Stevens at Shea's theater, Buffalo, N. Y.

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The Mobile Serenaders at the Washington theater, Boston, Mass.

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Miller and Lyles at Poli's theater, at Bridgeport, Conn., this week.

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The Ten Dark Knights at Polis theater, Worcester, Mass., this week.

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Anderson and Goins at the Delancey Street theater, New York City.

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The Boldens at the Fulton theater, Brooklyn. The act is going big.

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King and Gee this week at the Grand Opera House, New Haven, Conn.

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The Sambo Girls are at the Orpheum theater, Harrisburg, Pa., this week.

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John Phillips, the Boston baritone, now en route with Black Patti Company.

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The "Follies of 1911," with Bert Williams, closed the season at Scranton, Pa., Saturday night.

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Andrew Gribble and "The Possum Hollow University" at the Comedy theater, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The Blue Mouse theater is doing a good business this week. High-class vaudeville and photo plays.

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Eugene Hellman, the Black Wizard of vaudeville, is making preparations for his new act next season.

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Performers playing Washington, D. C., should call and see M. F. Denney, the professional tailor, 1225 9th street.

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Miss Emma Butler, the pleasing singer of popular melodies, is meeting with success with the Black Patti company.

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The Black Patti Company en route: April 8, Port Jervis, N. J.; April 12 to 13, Plainfield, N. J.; April 15 to 20, Baltimore, Md.

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Billy E. Jones, the singing comedian, en route with Black Patti Company. April 5, Schenectady, N. Y.; April 8, Port Jervis, N. Y.

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The Ramsey Sisters, now with the Black Patti show, will go into vaudeville as soon as the season closes, which will be some time in May.

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The Nuller Family, musical artists, at Washington, D. C., now rehearsing the new popular melodies for their summer engagement.

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Hart, late of Avery and Hart, has joined hands with J. Rosamond Johnson. They opened at Yonkers, N. Y., and scored quite a success.

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Ross Bros., music publishers, 717 S street, are getting some good numbers out this season. Performers, send in compositions to be published.

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Mattie Phillips is scoring a success through the West. This week the act is playing the Orpheum theater, Zanesville, Ohio, April 4, 5 and 6.

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Zel Bledseaux is one of the big hits of the Black Patti show when he enters the stage in the last act as the cat doing the Teddy, which is very clever.

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Miss Ada Dunnigan, the pleasing soubrette, now en route with Black Patti's show, is scoring a success. She sends her regards to all friends. Schenectady this week.

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Brown, Clark and Brown, novelty sketch artists, are still making a success with Frank Montgomery's Dixie Players at the Howard theater, Washington, D. C.

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Syphax & Downey, professional hair dressers, are always willing to cater to the professional ladies playing Washington, D. C., and they would do well to call at 1832 7th street, N. W.

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Miss Alice Ramsey, the charming soubrette, is still throwing that "Monkey Rag" over the footlights with a forty-pound weight. En route with the Black Patti show.

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James Woodson, the well-known bass singer, en route with the Black Patti show, is meeting with success. Will play Baltimore the week of April 20 with the above named show. Regards to friends.

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At the Howard theater this week Frank Montgomery's Dixie Players are presenting "In Kokomo," a musical cocktail, which was a big success. The cast is excellent.

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At the Fairyland theater this week Frank Kearney, manager, high-class vaudeville and moving pictures. Performers, send in your open time. Can give six weeks if act is good. Business continues good at this house.

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Chas. Bougis, en route with the Black Patti show, is busy rehearsing a new act for vaudeville. We hope to see him on some big time in the near future. Success is yours, Bougia, is you don't go back to your first love—with the road companies.

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Performers complain that they cannot get work. The colored performers, some of them, do not even know how to approach a manager, and they make it bad in New York by jumping their contracts, which makes it hard for the well-meaning performer. They should follow King and Gee, Jones and Grant, Cook and Stevens, Mattie Phillips and others who are working steadily.

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The Black Patti Company opened Monday at the Franklin theater, Worcester, Mass., to a crowded house. A very pretty chorus of young girls accompanied Mme. Jones, and their singing captured the audience. Other well-known performers with this aggregation are: Al F. Watts, Lillie Seguin, Billy E. Jones, Mamie Butler, Jeannette Cook, Blanche Howell, Alice Ramsey, Estelle Cash, Lelia Mitchell, W. A. Cook, Chas. Bougia, Ada Dunnigan, John Phillips, John Grant, Mr. Lorant, Ed Borden, James Woodson, Zel Bledseaux, Fannie Edmonds, Julius Glenn, the star comedien, is a laugh from start to finish. This company is one of the best colored companies on the road today, as they are mostly vaudeville performers, who can play any first-class house at a moment's notice.

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The color question bobbed up sharply in Montreal during the week and assumed prominence in the interests both of the theaters and the police. The headline performer at the Orpheum in Montreal, Walter C. elly, was safeguarded home after each performance by plainclothes men. The actor had received threatening letters, addressed to Mr. Kelly on account o fhis use of the word "nigger." Mr. Kelly puts on an act called "The Virginia Judge" and impersonates the judge and all the prisoners. The latter class includes Irishmen and Italians, but the majority of them are Negroes, and in composing his southern atmosphere Mr. Kelly makes frequent use of the word "nigger." Montreal Negroes seem to have taken extreme offense at this. Mr. Kelly's engagemnt closed Saturday night.

VALDOSTA, GA.

By W. F. Williams.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

"Ruth, the Moabitis," a cantata of great fame, will be played at the City Opera House by the young people in the near future....Mrs. L. Frank Whitehead has returned from a visit to Live Oak, Fla....Mr. Willie Page, of Augusta, spent Monday in Valdosta....Mrs. Lena Rice is still confined to her bed....Mesdames Whitehead and Seaton wish to be remembered by friends in Indianapolis....The ladies of St. Paul A. M. E. Church have organized a mock conference. It is well supplied with bishops and elders....Mr. and Mrs. John Young, of Jacksonville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. May Young, on South Patterson....Get in the game and buy The Freeman....A colored theater would do well in Valdosta. Some showman ought to invest for a fortune....Mr. C. W. Thomas has returned from a visit to Fort Valley, Ga....Dr. Strickland has purchased a good Buick car....Dr. A. B. Dockett left Tuesday night for Atlanta, Nashville, Columbus, O., and Troy, Ala....The Knights of Pythias of Valdosta will make a stiff fight for the 1913 Grand Lodge....The Freeman will be delivered to you on request. On sale at Dockett's drug store, W. F. Williams, agent.

ARGENTA (ARK.) HAS A BUNCH OF STAR TOSSERS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Lum Croxton, star pitcher of the Cuban Giants, of New York City, has together a bunch of stars of the South. He will start them on the road the 1st of May. He would like to hear from all first-class clubs. He sends his best wishes to William Gatewood, also all of the boys that are in the national game. Address Lum Croxton, 208 South Cypress street, Argenta, Ark.

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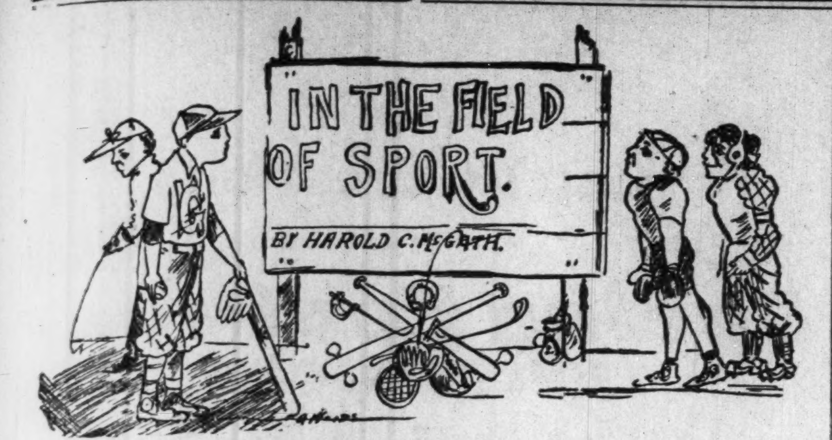
IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH.

SPORTING NEWS.

Joe Jeanette, the colored heavyweight, easily put Griff Jones out of the contest in four rounds at the New York Olympic Club last week. In the fourth round Jeanette floored Jones for a count of seven, and when Jones arose the referee called the fight off, declaring the contest was too one-sided.

Those who have not seen Kid Fields in action will have a chance soon. Fields has been matched to box Ben Harper before the Colored Athletic Club, Indianapolis, some time in April. Dates have not been fixed yet. Fields is open to box any featherweight in the country. He can be addressed in care of The Freeman.

Manager J. W. White, of the Standard Giants baseball team, Nashville, Tenn., has gotten together one of the strongest colored teams the South has ever known, in A. Sweeney, captain and first base; C. Hill, second base; J. Allen and Kennedy, shortstops; Woodard, third base; T. Allen, center field; J. Webster, left field; Turner, right field; Martin, Calhoun, Brinnon and Sneed, pitchers; Crow, Bidjits and Allen, catchers. Manager White expects to leave Nashville the middle of April for a tour to St. Louis and Kansas City.

OAKLAND, CAL., TO HAVE FAST BASEBALL TEAM.

That Oakland will have one of the fastest colored teams in the West is almost assured, as Manager Clarke has signed up players who on their past reputations should prove very valuable men in their positions. The team is to be known as the "Twin City" Ball Club, and expect to open their playing season about the 1st of March. Tom Cheek, owner of the club, has put forth every effort to make this team a winner from the beginning of the season. He has signed up C. Bost, the crack shortstop, who played such brilliant ball on second base for the Chicago Leland Giants in Los Angeles, last winter, and who later joined the fast Occidentals, of Salt Lake, and proved to be one of the best hitters in the club, besides leading the Utah State League shortstops in fielding. Bost also holds what is supposed to be the world's record for home runs in one inning of a regular ball game, he having made two in one inning, while playing with the Oxies of Salt Lake last summer. Manager Clarke expects great things of Martin and Young Meaddows, his two pitchers, this summer, as both pitched great ball for different clubs last season. Houston, Richardson and Warwin Martin also are showing up remarkably well in spring practice. Middleton, Smith and Manager Clarke will be the older heads on the club, and they are busy getting the club ready for their season's work. But keep your eye on Oakland, Cal., and you will hear from the Twin Cities before the season is very many months old.

A LITTLE TALK WITH FLYNN.

His Personality—His Fighting Tactics—Johnson Says Sam McVey Is the Best Hope—Champion Disappointed Cincinnati School Children.

BY BILLY LEWIS.

Since I had the pleasure of meeting the distinguished Johnson, and also the privilege of taking down a few things, I concluded it would be well to look over Mr. Flynn, who is matched to fight him next summer, "some time 'nother," to use a Negro expression. Mr. Burton, manager of the Empire Theater, was kind enough to pilot me through winding ways to the stage, where I met Flynn all in readiness to make his appearance. Along the route I noted a bunch of chorus girls doing their turn, and I came very nearly forgetting my mission, and as Dante might have said of Virgil: My hesitating steps were unnoted as we meandered through labyrinth of accessories and delights, being wooed for the moment from the import of the duty before us.

On receiving an introduction I jumped in at once with my talk. Flynn had just about two minutes before he went on. I had to take an "instantaneous photo" of him. He surprised me in most every way. He appeared genteel to the utmost; really modest, bashful. A genial smile played on his face while he talked. That name Flynn, that I had heard so often, filled me with dismay. I thought he would appear a roaring lion. Would he frighten away what I had to say? He was a lamb. I do not mean by that he will be readily eaten up. With some men the smile is a close associate with terror. Knowing his reputation as a fighter to some extent, I did not take his genial ways as a sign of timidity. He told me that he had stood ten rounds of Jack Johnson, which at least showed capability of taking a lot of punishment, if nothing more. And it may be set down that he is that kind of man—quietly determined.

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Flynn is what physicalists, if there are any such thing, would pronounce physically fine. He comes near being beautifully proportioned, but is a trifle too stocky for that. His shoulders, neck, head, are massive, but without so much of the bulging tendency. He is broad across the chest and very formidable looking. His upper arms are in keeping. As I said of Johnson, head, neck and shoulders suggest having been molded in one piece. Here, however, was more regularity, uniformity. And then there was the absence of the spindle form at the extremities of his limbs. If he were a candidate for a Greek god or the ideal Roman warrior he would stand very high in the balloting, with his well-knit thews and everything else according. But it appears that regulation men are not the best service men. Abnormal means the unusual. The knotted and gnarled are the woodman's foe. Nature seems to have carried her scheme horizontally throughout.

"Of course, you'll win, Mr. Flynn," says I. "I am going to try," says he. Candidates for office and prize fighters, it appears, are expected to always answer in the affirmative. They go on the theory that it bolsters up the game. Flynn, however, had a notion of reticence which was in keeping with his general modest bearing. He spoke of his fight with Johnson at a former time, making it clear that he quit fighting only when forced to do so. I asked him about his height, since he appeared rather low to me. He said that he was 5 feet 10 inches. Johnson is 6 feet 1 inch. He has only one advantage over Johnson, if it may thus be called. He is younger. He said that he was thirty years old. He does not appear old, but does not appear so buoyant and full of life as Johnson.

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Had the pleasure, also, of seeing Flynn on the stage from the front. He took on a local colored fighter, the "Indiana Kid," and his sparring partner. The announcer called attention to his style of fighting, calling it in-fighting. It was a puzzler to me, having seen nothing like it before. He appeared mainly defense. He protected his heart completely and his lower face, which he kept down between his short reach guard. At no time did he square himself to give a blow, but kept a rapid piston rod motion of both hands close beside his head. His object seemed to be short uppercuts all of the time, relying on his massive arms to receive what blows befell him. His object, seemingly, was to rain such a number of short punches that they would count for a less number of good ones. With a tall man like Johnson, the top of his head is an open target, unless he changes when in actual battle. Then Johnson has a bear hug. While it will not be so effectual with Flynn, owing to his terrible chest and shoulders, yet he will be able to use it to advantage, and then look out for that neck and back.

The audience did not very much admire Flynn's style, after having seen Johnson and Langford, whom it was almost impossible to hit, while those two fighters hit when and where they chose. Yet it may be that Flynn understands what he is doing much better than his spectators do. His standing-to attitude may protect him from the long-distance blows.

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When Johnson was in St. Louis, he said regarding his possible opponent:

"But the man whom I regard as the most dangerous of the entire field is Sam McVey. McVey could wallop any of the men in the heavyweight class to-day, outside of myself, I believe.

"I have seen Morris, Palzer, Kennedy and Wells work. Morris and Palzer may develop into dangerous men in the heavyweight division. But to-day they are in a crude state. It will require lots of experience to make them finished fighters, and then I believe Morris will be too slow.

"Palzer, they tell me, isn't a quick thinker, which is a big handicap for a first-class fighter. The trouble with most big fighters, though, is that when they get tired they wabble. They are topheavy and can't hold up. After you get them in that condition a stiff wallop will finish the bout."

Speaking again of McVey, he is the only one who looks as if he had any show with the champion. As has been said time and time again through these columns, the make of the men physically, their work, victories, youth, vigor, all help make up the judgment.

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But Champ Johnson wants to be careful about how he keeps his engagements. When he was in Cincinnati not long since he went very big. It was his first visit to that city, and the colored people were very proud of his being there. Even the school children thought it would be something to see him. An engagement was made for him to meet the children at one of their best schools. I should have said that Detective Frank Hall, who was up from that city last week, is responsible for the story. He, in fact, had made the arrangement for the appearance of Johnson. When the morning came for the visit the champion sent word that he had been up the evening before and that he had to rest. Not discussing the advisability of the champion meeting school children, perhaps the cautious, conservative, would not push the matter. However, distinguishment is distinguishment, and the yearning to see the best in all ways may be of more good than harm—in the establishing of ideals. He said he was going; he should have gone—let caution come at another time, if there were doubt of propriety.

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Nine thousand six hundred dollars is some money, but that's the loss Johnson is threatened with, and by the government, which has long since earned the reputation of being a relentless prosecutor. I hope the story is untrue. Johnson or no other colored man can drop $10,000 at a clip.

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Error travels on horseback, while truth is too often a snail. One of our Southern publications had it recently that Johnson is all down and out already. Here is what it says:

"Pugilist Jack Johnson lives riotously almost over the world." Think of it, and in this age of rapid transit, telephones, automobiles, and flying machines. Johnson is not broke, and, according to his determination, he never will be. But at that, the time he made the assertion, he did not contemplate a government "touch" for something like $10,000. The unsophisticated writer puts it this way:

"Jack Johnson is going some. He has almost exhausted his fortune for fun and pleasure. It is reported he was compelled to pawn his jewels and autos to get enough money to pay his attendants and defray other expenses. There's nothing in sight for Johnson to fight just now, so he had better cut down expenses. The money he threw out to the English vagabonds on the streets of London could have gone to assist many a poor, uncared for Negro pauper and child."

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A DIAMOND NECKLACE.

Mrs. Jack Johnson Has One—Duty Unpaid, Says Uncle Sam—Must Come Up with $9,600.

CHICAGO.—A little oversight on the part of Jack Johnson, pugilist, when he encountered the customs officers in New York, on his return from the coronation of King George, is about to cost him the sum of $9,600.

If the black man's fighting blood prompts him to contest the charges of smuggling that have been preferred against him, he will be prosecuted by the government in the immediate future, with the prospect that the cost will be much higher.

As soon as Johnson returned to Chicago his blonde wife exhibited a remarkable diamond necklace that became the envy of her neighbors in South Dearborn street. Sagacious members of the heavyweight's own race couldn't recall that they had heard of his declaring this magnificent gift to the customs officials.

Could it be, was it possible, they whispered, that he had forgotten to pay duty on it? They became so curious that they finally wrote a letter to the New York customs offices and found that there had been no mention made of it there.

Raid Is Ordered.

From the New York office the information was forwarded to Chicago, with the result that a raid on Johnson's home was ordered. The secret service men made a late visit to the Johnson residence several days ago and departed with the treasure, in spite of the vigorous protests of the pugilist and his wife.

Lawrence Jacobs, assistant district attorney, who is handling the case, conferred with Johnson yesterday. Johnson said that the necklace was worth $6,000. Mr. Jacobs said he could not settle with the government for less than $9,600, which includes a penalty of 60 per cent. for his forgetfulness.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The residence of William Jackson on 19th street was destroyed by fire Sunday evening at about 6 o'clock........Mrs. S. D. Elliott of Decatur spent several days in the city visiting her son, Jackson Elliott. She returned home Sunday accompanied by her son........Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Abernathy desire to thank their many friends for their kindness during the illness and death of their child who died recently........Mrs. Pallace Patton, who has been quite ill for several days, died last Sunday. The funeral services were held at the residence. She was laid to rest at the City Cemetery by the Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection and the Missionary. She leaves a daughter and veral grandchildren to mourn her loss.

CORSICANA, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The remains of Mrs. Belle Taylor, who died in Sacremento, Cal., March 24th, arrived in the city March 29th and was buried March 31st from the First Independent Baptist church. Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Daughters and Knights of Tabor, also The Ancient Order of Pilgrims No 117. Mrs. Taylor leaves many friends and relatives to mourn her loss ....We are glad to hear of Mr. A. Hardie being able to be out again....The dancing contest at the East Side Park was a grand success Friday night, March 29th. The judges decided in favor of Mr. Sam Branch and Miss Pauline Alford.. ..Parties wishing the Freeman apply at People's drug store.

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LANGSTON (OKLA.) UNIVERSITY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The annual concert of Langston University was given under the direction of the Athletic Association. The program follows: Quartette, "Sweet and Low," Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. Z. N. Breaux, Prof. S. L. Sadler, Prof. Chas. F. Sneed; reading, selected, Miss M. Ritchey; reading, Scene III, Act IV, "Julius Caesar" (Shakespeare), Prof. S. L. Sadler, Prof. Chas. F. Sneed; solo, "A Dream," Miss C. Marshall; solo, "Sing On," Mrs. L. Evans; reading, "The Painting of Seville," Prof. Chas. F. Sneed; reading, "The Progress of Madness," Miss D. Toombs; intermission; duet, "Across the Lagoon," Prof. Henderson, Mrs. Z. N. Breaux; solo, "Oh, Robert, Robert," Mrs. L. Evans; reading, Miss M. Ritchey; reading, "The Chariot Race," Miss D. Toombs; solo, "For All Eternity," Mrs. L. Evans; duet, "Farewell, Dear Heart," Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. Z. N. Breaux; announcements, President I. E. Page. After the program refreshments were served. President Page said he had never witnessed a program that pleased him more. The students would like to have one often. President Page made a trip to Oklahoma City. Mr. Breaux will soon have his house finished. It is being built by the students of the university under Prof. Richardson.

LEXINGTON, KY., NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Baraca Philathea class of the First Baptist Church met March 27 at Ladies' Hall. The attendance was very large. ....The Seelbach waiters will give their first annual dress ball and promenade on Tuesday evening, April 9, a tJackson's Hall. This ball promises to be one of the swellest affairs held in Lexington for some time. W. E. Wilkins and A. C. Young are at the head of this affair and promise to spare no pains in making this a round of pleasure for every one. Programs will be given away at the box office. Seelbach's waiters' famous royal punch will be served without extra charge. The great confetti wheel will be in operation and will send out a solid stream of snow, while Hardin's Orchestra will furnish the music. Committee of arrangements: Russell Hillard, John Perkins, Eugene Harris, James Brown, Marion Tribble, J. Hampton, R. Johnson, Clifford Jones, Edward Daniels, Tom Merritt, A. C. Young and Km. E. Wilkins. Admission, $1 per couple. The program follows: Two-step, "Preacher and the Bear," S. Christenson; waltz, "Powder Rag," J. Hampton; extra, "How Can You Do It?" Russell Hillard; Berlin, "I Won't Go Home Till Morning," Clifford Jones; waltz, "Everything Is Pretty," Henry Estell; two-step, "You Ought to See My Girl," A. C. Young; extra, "Wait Until the Spring Races Start," N. Hampton; waltz, "Back to Coney Island for Mine," Chas. Prior; two-step, "Our Popular Headwaiter, Taste What Tells," W. E. Wilkins; waltz, "I Am Always with the Boys," Tom Merritt; two-step, "Please Give Me My Coffee," John Perkins; waltz, "It Ought Have Been Me," Eugene Harris. Wm. E. Wilkins, A. C. Young, general managers.

MIDWAY (KY.) NOTES.

(By Jessie Scott.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Polk, pastor of the First Baptist church, will be here the second Sunday in this month....Mr. Thompson, of Versailles, spent Sunday in the city——Miss Maggie Deadman, a member of the junior class at the State Normal school, spent a few days in the city.....The political league met at the U. B. F. hall Monday night....Mr. Hardin Tolbert, state organizer of the Freeman news bureau, and whose headquarters are at Frankfort, Ky., was in the city and appointed Mr. Jesse Scott as your correspondent. Mr. Tolbert was highly entertained at the residence of Miss Malinda Williams. Mr. Tolbert delivered a lecture at the St. John's A. M. E. church, of which Rev. D. C. Carter is pastor. Mr. Tolbert gave some very interesting points as to why the colored people should read more concerning their own people, and gave away hundreds of copies of The Freeman——The fight for grand chancellor of the nights of Pythias of the state seems to be almost as hot as the presidential race. Mr. L. R. Diggs, of Georgetown, seems to be the winning man for the position. He is well known throughout the state, and has the confidence of a host of friends. The sentiment up here is for Mr. Diggs....Rev. D. C. Carter is preparing to go to the annual conference. His many friends express regret at his leaving. He was called to Shelbyville to preach the I. S. H. sermon, but had to decline on that account....For copies of The Freeman, see Mr. Jesse Scott, your correspondent.

MARSHALL, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mr. E. W. Thompson returned from Ft. Worth, where he has been attending the bedside of his sister....The baseball season has opened and games are scheduled for different points in Texas. Boys, it will pay you to watch Wiley University. They are noted for good pitchers, catchers and batters. They let nothing out....Mrs. Bettie Fields, of East Marshall, died at her home....The gold medal contest given at Wiley University March 29 was witnessed by a crowded chapel. Prize winners: First prize, city; second, Wiley....The public is cordially invited to be present at the Easter exercises of the following named churches: Miles Chapel, C. M. E. church, 3 p. m.; A. M. E. church, 11 a. m.; Ebenezer M. E. church, 7:30 p. m. The president of Wiley University is planning for a new science hall....Prof. J. M. E. Vance, who was sick with mumps, is able to be at his work again. The dreaded disease, meningitis, is still having its effect in the city. Two deaths reported last week....Mr. John Pearce, of Gilmer, was a business caller in the city last week....Mr. J. C. Edwards has joined Bethesda choir....The Missionary Society rendered an excellent program last Sunday at 3 p. m. Address by Rev. A. G. Glass; paper, "The Duty of a Wife to Husband," Mrs. H. Wiley; address, "The Duty of a Christian to the Church," Mrs. Alice Blain. Sermon by Rev. W. F. Sims....Mr. Will Poplar and Miss Fannie Bailey were married at the parsonage of A. M. E. church. Rev. A. G. Glass officiated. All subscribers of The Freeman will please pay up on or before the 17th of this month. Prof. S. S. Haywood and M. C. S. Joseph, agents. Please give us your news and also yours ads. Advertising rates, 5c per line.

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IN BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Church, Society and Political Events.

(By J. F. Moxley, 626 Fourth Street.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The ladies of Taylor's Chapel A. M. E. church have been working hard in making preparation for the Easter program. A sacred cantata, "The King Triumphant," will be rendered at 7:30 p. m. There has been no pains spared to make this one of the greatest Easter programs witnessed in the city for many years. Rev. Green Price, pastor of the church, will deliver the Easter sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will take for his theme the fifteenth chapter of the Corinthians, and the fourth verse, "And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."....The district convention committees are working hard for the delegation at large in this district. The Roosevelt Club, of which Dr. S. H. Warfield, C. E. Loving, John Brown, James G. Potter, Jr., Sandy Ferrell, are the exclusive committee, is conducting its district meetings at the court house....The Taft club is conducting meetings at Odd Fellows' hall. Many prominent speakers from all over the district are making strong appeals to the colored citizens at large. Their headquarters are at Mr. Kuykendall's undertaking establishment.....The Presbyterian church Sunday school has charge of the Easter program, "A Cantata With the Easter Symbols." Rev. J. W. Botts, pastor, will deliver the Easter sermon at 11 a. m., taking for his theme Matt. 28:6, "He is not here; for he is risen as he said. Come and see the place where the Lord lay.... The Christian Endeavor at 7:15. The public is cordially invited......Mr. and Mrs. William T. Parker have returned home from Detroit, Mich. Many friends greeted them on their return. Mr. Parker has been employed on the government steamer for the season......Mr. George Clay has purchased a three-room cottage on Park street....Mrs. Ellen Callaway, who has been ill with rheumatism for several weeks, is still improving at her home in Jonesville....Mrs. Patterson, of Smith Grove, Ky., fell dead Sunday evening at her home. Mr. Mack Parker, her nephew, was called to her home from Bowling Green, Ky., as soon as possible, and other relatives at a distance were notified. Mrs. Patterson was a highly respected citizen of this community.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Miss Hattie Butler has returned from Chicago.

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Miss Lillian Thomas, of the Charity Hospital, spent Sunday in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Lulu Flint, of Louisville, spent a few days in the city, the guest of Miss Lucy Flint.

Mrs. J. T. V. Hill entertained teachers of the Louisville schools last Saturday at dinner.

Misses Florence Gibson and Rubena Rogers, teachers in the public schools, spent a few days in the city.

Misses Marietta Pickens, Jessie Carter and Carrie Pate, of Louisville, were the guests of Mrs. A. H. Henderson.

Miss Dora Maxwell, a teacher of Louisville, spent a few days in the city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Furniss.

Miss D. Lillian Tribble, a teacher of Louisville, spent a few days in the city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Furniss.

The Woman's Club entertained at whist Thursday evening, at the residence of Mrs. James N. Shelton, in California street.

Attorney J. H. Humes, of Louisville, Ky., was called to this city on account of the death of his brother, Edward Humes.

Mrs. Brenta W. Bausley returned to Indianapolis Wednesday of last week, after an extended visit in Chicago, for an indefinite stay.

Rev. S. G. Turner, of Dayton, O., was in the city last Wednesday. He had been in attendance at the Columbus, O., M. E. Church Conference.

Rev. J. L. Thompson, of Phillips Chapel, was called to his former home, Mt. Sterling, Ky., last Tuesday, on account of the death of his mother.

Interesting Easter exercises were witnessed at Phillips Chapel last Sunday, throughout the day. Mr. Geo. L. Knox gave an entertaining address in the evening.

Mrs. Anna E. Webber and Mrs. Sarah Cousins, formerly of Indianapolis, left Chicago, Ill., Tuesday night, April 2, for Los Angeles, Cal., for permanent residence.

The charity ball, May 6, at the Pythian Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Lincoln Hospital, is expected to be one of the social events of the season.

Mr. A. E. Meyzeek, principal of the Normal School, Louisville, spent a few days in the city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Furniss. He returned via Terre Haute, where he visited his sister, Mrs. Ida Harris.

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Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Special topics by the pastor at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Special music by the choir.

The church will give a house picnic at the residence of Mrs. Anna Hillsman, 713 California street, Thursday, April 18.

WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB EXTENDS THANKS.

The Woman's Civic Club extends thanks to the various clubs, ministers and the public in general for their presence at Bethel A. M. E. Church, March 29. The club plans to secure, from time to time, educational leaders who are interested in the uplift of the race, to lecture to the citizens of Indianapolis.

We beg leave to submit the following report: Money collected, $133; money expended, $69.20; the profits, amounting to $63.80, deposited in the treasury of Flanner Guild, for the establishment of a day nursery.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The Easter Sunday was very much enjoyed by this church and congregation. The Sunday school was largely attended and the children did their part well. The pastor preached an excellent sermon on the "Resurrection," and at the morning services baptized two happy converts, and at 3 p. m. the communion was observed. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Seymour Lewis. The song service by the choir was well attended, the choir rendering charming selections, and was asked to repeat several pieces next Sunday morning.

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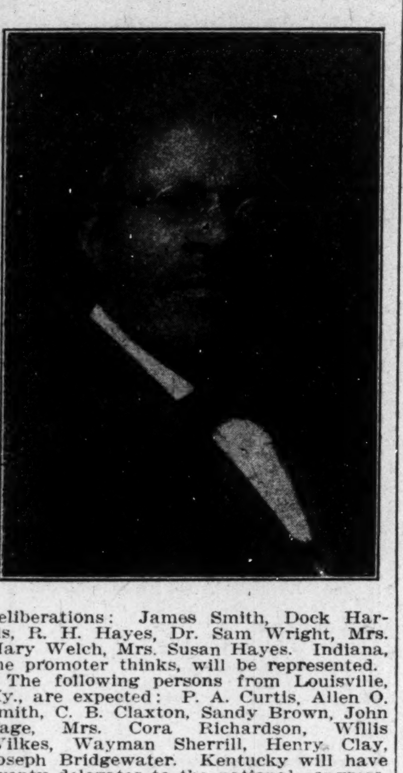
A very interesting meeting was held at this church last Monday evening by the Marion County Baptist Sunday School Union, and quite a number representing the different schools of our city were present. The Bible studies were indeed very interesting. The question box was another interesting feature of this meeting. Many important questions were asked and answered by Rev. Edward Lewis, who conducted the question box.

The Young People's Aid Society of this church will meet next Tuesday evening. A good program will be rendered at this meeting. Every one is invited to visit all Sunday services. You are welcome.

ISAAC B. ATKINSON.

Isaac B. Atkinson, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city in the interest of a movement for the bettering of the race. He hopes, among other things, to have enough people interested in going to Africa to make the effort worth while. Mr. Atkinson hopes to have a great convention in St. Louis, August 4, 1912, and for which a call has already been made. The following persons of Jeffersonville, Ind., have signified willingness to take part in the deliberations: James Smith, Dock Harris, R. H. Hayes, Dr. Sam Wright, Mrs. Mary Welch, Mrs. Susan Hayes. Indiana, the promoter thinks, will be represented.



The following persons from Louisville, Ky., are expected: P. A. Curtis, Allen O. Smith, C. B. Claxton, Sandy Brown, John Page, Mrs. Cora Richardson, Willis Wilkes, Wayman Sherrill, Henry Clay, Joseph Bridgewater. Kentucky will have twenty delegates to the national congress.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Much enthusiasm is being manifested in the second big meeting, to be held by the colored men's branch of the Y. M. C. A. next Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, corner of West Twelfth and Fayette streets, at which time the Hon. W. L. Taylor, ex-attorney general of the State of Indiana, will be the speaker. He will deliver an address on the subject, "Efficiency, the Gateway to Success." Men, women and children are invited to this meeting, and the church should be crowded to overflowing for this occasion. The membership of the association will turn out in a body and will meet at the association building at West North and California streets, and will be headed by its own band, marching to the place of meeting. The members of the band will appear in their new uniforms for the first time. A special musical program is being prepared which will consist of numbers by the Y. M. C. A. Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. A. A. Taylor, and the Y. M. C. A. Band, under the direction of Mr. Frederick Clay. Congregational singing will form one of the features of the program. A splendid corps of ushers is being provided to look after the careful handling of the vast crowd which is expected. The program will begin promptly at 3 p. m. Everybody will be made welcome.

The committee of management of the colored men's branch of the Yung Men's Christian Association is looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to the coming of the Tuskegee Band, Glee Club and Orchestra on May 3, at which time they will appear at Tomlinson Hall under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The organization numbers sixty people, and their playing and singing are wonderful. The management is looking forward and depending upon the loyal support of the citizens to aid it in this great undertaking, as a great expense is necessary to bring this organization to Indianapolis; and they deserve the encouragement of all in this great undertaking of giving Indianapolis the opportunity of hearing one of the best colored organizations in the country.

LOST RELATION.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Winn would like to know the whereabouts of their son, John G. Taylor, or Winn. He was once a student at Quindaro, Kans., in 1900; Geo. R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., 1901. When last heard of was in Newport, Ark., 1905. Any one giving a correct statement of his whereabouts will be rewarded. Address 2331 Twenty-third avenue, Oakland, Cal.
May 4.

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Easter was generally observed here by a large number of the race churches. All held services and the children held full sway, it being their day. Choice programs were presented to large congregations in several of the leading churches. The smart set were on dress parade as usual....Ben Thomas, general repairer, wants to do that work for you, phone H-3294. He will call....Don't worry because it is raining every day or so, now. Just think how you had to get water the last three years and some could hardly get it at all. So rejoice and be exceeding glad. We have the poor peoples' hard times with us all the year around just the same, and when it is dry we have the dust, and when it is wet we have the mud. So here we are in it all around. No sidewalks, no lights and in the mud. Tell your men folks to get busy on these questions of importance in your districts now....We have a few Negroes left here and some are coming daily who are debt dodgers. They owe everybody they can get to owe, and then they call the persons or the firm anything but the right name because they try to collect what is coming to them. We have a few of that class of Negroes on our list from the pulpit down to the polisher who have about lied out when it comes to lying. They are here so we are going to give them a few lines in print so the people everywhere will know who they are and they will lose no time with a debt jumper and a liar....On Friday, Master J. G. Griffin, Jr., and thirty-six of his little playmates enjoyed games, singing and other amusements from 3:30 to 6 p. m. It was Master Griffin's birthday. He was all smiles and just had to tell it to them all; the candles further told each one that he was only two years old. Ices and delicious fruits were served. Many of the little ones brought tokens of remembrance....Masters Joseph and Robert Carpenter entertained a large number of their little friends at the home of their parents, 2121 Clark street, last Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, with an Easter egg hunt and rabbit nest finding. Each little guest was furnished a small fancy basket and they had to do their own hunting. It taught the little ones that to get things one must seek and find them, before it is owned. What thousands of grown-ups should strive to learn the same lesson. All in all they had the time of their little lives...When your clothes, linens and other things of the home and place of business need laundering, call Thomas' two wagons and they will do the rest....To be or not to be, is the burning question of today. It of the race that wewo . etaoin etaoin ta rightly applies itself to so many conditions of the race that one is lost in studying their way out. Apply it at will and it fits. We must be up and doing to beat it, or the other will have gone with the prize. Let this be your motto and The Freeman your guide and you will be safe on progressive ideas of importance to you and all....Mr. John L. Jones and Miss Martha Watson will star the great Pythian play of "Damon and Pythias" at St. James A. M. E. church, on Monday night, April 22, and will be assisted by a strong cast of the best local talent, selected on account of ability. The production will have special costumes and scenery. Walter Harwin, R. D. King, Prince Whitlow, Adolphus Haraway, Miss Julia Heffilin, Master Gus Burleson, Miss N. Caldwell, Isaac Mason, Richard Curry are in the cast. Senators and soldiers will be from the uniform rank of Company 4, Pride of the West. The public is cordially invited to witness this play, which appeals to every Court and Sir night in the city....Rev. Wilson Smith was laid to rest last Sunday from the St. James A. M. E. church, Rev. Dr. Jenkins officiating by special request. The arrangements were under the auspices of St. Luke K. of P. Lodge, No. 1, assisted by all the lodges in the city and several of the city pastors. Rev. Smith was shot by thugs in a hold-up Monday night of last week. No arrests have as yet been made. There is a spirit among the Pythians to offer a reward to help the authorities in capturing those responsible for this most outrageous deed. Al lcitizens, both black and white, sympathize with the bereaved family in these sad hours. The floral offerings were most beautiful. The K. of P. band played the funeral dirges and the remains were laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery in the family plot ....Mr. Jesse Tolmer was called to Waco last week to attend the funeral of his father, Mr. John Taylor....Mr. Adolphus Haraway is back from Franklin, where he visited relatives and friends for several days the past week....Mr. W. A. Sloan, of Pine Bluff, Ark., is here at the bedside of his daughter..Mr. Watt Shaw, at 2614 Lawrence street, is cutting prices on groceries to fit your pocketbook.... Prof. N. W. Harrellee, principal of the Dallas colored high school, has been appointed delegate to the colored Educational Congress, by Governor Colquitt. The congress will be held at Atlantic City, N. J., July 15 to 19....There are too many members of the race who are too eager to eat and drink at the white man's place, when then can get what they desire at some first class colored place, and this is one of the chief reasons that the white man treats so many of the race as they do at times. The race must first consider that the members of the race must wholly rely on members of the race to stay in any kind of business. Therefore take your money and buy at Negro places ....If you fail to get your paper on Monday, ask your postman, then see Griffin at 2922 Cochran street, and he will try and locate the cause of any delays.. ..For the past few weeks sensations have broken all previous records here. The courts have been very busy on important matters. The airship squad is no more. Charges have been preferred against several patrolmen for disobeying orders; citizens calling for more and better protection by officials. Chief of Police Ryan and Commissioner of Police Bartlett say the strict adherence to orders must exist in the future in their departments. Judge Miller is being praised for his loyal stand against vice and crime. Judge Seay is gathering up the loose ends and reading strict charges to all who appear in his court. The black contingent is talking on lights and muddy streets in their district, and vice that should be stopped among the race and the strict dealings by the law to all alike, wherever and whenever found, and let none escape who are guilty....Mr. H. D. Spears is on the sick list....Mr. Berry Locus is up and out on crutcehs....Father Minor is up and is seen by his many comrades...Mr. James Thomas is home from the hospital, where he had a very difficult operation performed. He is reported much improved....W. E. Green is recovering.... Mr. George Nutall is up after a severe attack of rheumatism......Mrs. M. C. Hampton is recovering from pneumonia, and several others are up and doing very nicely.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Townsend is recovering....Willis Burden, the tailor, has plenty of spring goods, also the latest spring styles for 1912. Give him your patronage. He guarantees satisfaction....Mr. Marsh McCray did a nice business Saturday and Sunday.....Sunday, April 14, will be Negro Achievement Day. There will be an interesting talk on different subjects at Calvary Baptist Church. All are cordially invited....There was a musical entertainment given at the A. M. E. Church Monday night, April 8. Refreshments were served in the basement.... The Mountain Climbers will play the Yorktown Sluggers Sunday. The Mountain Climbers would like to make arrangements for a game with a baseball team of Indianapolis....Wayne Warner and Horace Brown have opened up a shoe shining establishment on Walnut street, and want all the young men's patronage....Willie Boyer and Master James Johnson spent Sunday in Marion and report a splendid time....Miss Beulah Kelly attended the wedding of Miss Grace Smith at Marion Ind.... There will be a social given in the basement of the A. M. E. Bethel Church on Tuesday evening, April 9, for the benefit of the Whitley Club....There will be a dinner served at the A. M. E. Church April 14....Rev. Holt, of Indianapolis, preached last Sunday at the A. M. E. Church. He returned to Indianapolis Sunday night after the services....A leap year banquet will be given at the Bethel Church Friday night....Rev. E. Asher, of Vermont, Ind., is the present successor of Rev. Carpenter, of Trinity M. E. Church. Rev. Carpenter was sent to Indianapolis....There was an entertainment given at Trinity M. E. Church Wednesday. An excellent program was rendered. Refreshments were served, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. ....Rev. Asher preached quite an effective sermon Sunday at the Trinity M. E. Church....The Baptist people raised the sum of $318.47 for repairing the Calvary Church. There is no indebtedness on the church.

GUILD, TENN.

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Our little theatre has been dark for near two weeks on account of high water. We was riding in sciffs in the theatre and all of us had to leave our rooms and find places upon the hills to get from the water. The water has gone down now and we opened up again Monday night, April 8th, with a big bill. The gang all stuck together and all we had to do was to eat and sleep, and our worthy proprietor, Mr. Bob Johnson, saw that all his people had just what they wanted during the two weeks of high water. All the bunch is just as fat from drinking all this good cool beer and this good spring water. After a good rest, every one promises to put their best foot front tomorrow night and give a real hot show and we know we will have a packed house, as the people haven't had no amusement for so long, they are crying for the show. The company consists of the following people: Williams & Miles, Miss Victoria Malone, Miss Mattie Whitman, Miss Sister Riggins, Davenport & Davenport, Williams & Shackelford, Slim Butler & Nappy, Orchestra: Mrs. Nellie Benjamin, pianist; Mr. Arthur Benjamin, traps; Mr. N. M. Ross, trombone; Mr. Ludy Toby, cornet; Mr. Will Boyd, violin; Mr. Bob Johnson, sole owner; Mr. J. H. Williams, stage manager; Mr. Miles, assistant. We have also got our new big tent here and ready to be put in our car soon as she is done. Would like to hear from all good acts, singles, doubles, soubrettes, song and dance artist. None to good. Boozefighters save stamps. Tickets sent to right people. Address all mail care Bob Johnson, Guild, Tenn.

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